

**RESPONSE OF
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST d/ba EMBARQ
to Staff's Information Request in
UT 091217**

480-123-070 (1) Report on use of federal funds and benefits to customers.

Please provide copies of NECA forms that your company filed with National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) in 2009, pursuant to 47 C.F. R. § 36.611 (data as of December 31st of the calendar year 2008).

Response: Attached you will find the NECA high cost loop data submission for data year ending December 31st 2008. I have not provided the entire report as it includes data for all of our states. The information provided is specific to Washington. Embarq does not receive any high cost loop receipts.

Please provide the amount of investments made and expenses paid in rural areas (zone 4-5) and non-rural areas (zone 1-3) in the state of Washington, respectively.

Response: Embarq reported in its filing that it made capital investments of \$ [REDACTED] in Washington. Investment in rural areas (zone 4-5) was \$ [REDACTED] and investment in non-rural areas (zone 1-3) was \$ [REDACTED]. Some of the investment in the non-rural areas was a benefit for the rural areas as it was capital investment in host infrastructure which benefits the remotes in rural areas. Embarq is unable to provide the expense breakdown between rural and non-rural areas as it does not have exchange level detail for all the expenses.

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