

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of State)
Certification of Support as)
Required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314)
)
) DOCKET NO. UT-123009
) ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION AND
) REPORT OF UNITED STATES
) CELLULAR CORPORATION

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, *et seq.*, United States Cellular Corporation, 8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60631 (“USCC”), seeks recertification as an ETC in the State of Washington based on the following:

1. USCC was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket No. UT-970345 on December 23, 1997, as supplemented December 30, 1999 and January 27, 2000, and May 14, 2008.
2. During the calendar year 2011, USCC provided the services required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) consistent with the Commission Orders in Docket No. UT-970345. As certified in **Exhibit A**, funds USCC receives from the federal high-cost universal service support fund will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support was intended.
3. **Exhibit B** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (1)(a) – (b) “Report on Use of federal funds and benefits to customers”. - **Confidential**
4. **Exhibit C** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (2)(a) – (f) “Local service outage report”. - **Confidential**
5. **Exhibit D** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (3) “Report on failure to provide service”. - **Confidential**

6. **Exhibit E** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (4) “Report on complaints per one thousand handsets or lines”. - **Confidential**

7. **Exhibit F** certifies USCC is in compliance with the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Carriers. This statement is made in response to WAC 480-123-070 (5) “Certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards”.

8. In 2011: (a) each USCC cell site within the State of Washington was engineered to and did have at least 4 hours of back up battery power; (b) each USCC microwave hub within the State of Washington had a back up generator; and (c) each USCC switch within the State of Washington had at least 5 hours of back up battery power and a back up generator. This statement and the certification of compliance in **Exhibit G** are made in response to WAC 480-123-070 (6) “Certification of ability to function in emergency situations”.

9. During the calendar year 2011, USCC advertised the availability of supported services and the charges for them as required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e), and the Commission Orders in Docket No. UT-970345. Outreach activities included newspaper advertising, informational postings at www.uscellular.com, advertising materials located in retail locations and the ability for potential Native American Lifeline customers in the Yakima, Washington area to sign up for service at select retail locations. **Exhibit H** certifies that USCC publicized the availability of supported services, including Lifeline Services. Details of outreach efforts and samples of advertising and outreach materials are attached as **Exhibits I and J**. Attached as **Exhibit K** is a schedule of Lifeline ad insertion – **Confidential**. This paragraph is in response to WAC 480-123-070 (7) “Advertising certification, including advertisement on Indian reservations”.

10. **Exhibit L**, attached, details USCC's intended capital investment within its ETC boundaries in the State of Washington for the time period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. This information is provided as a response to WAC 480-123-080. - **Confidential**

11. USCC has received the following federal high-cost universal service fund support for the months of January – December 2011:

HCL	\$ 815,851
IAS	\$ 648,890
ICLS	\$ 1,878,962
LSS	\$ 346,914
SNA	\$ 27,924
LTS	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Received in 2011	<u>\$ 3,718,541</u>

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2012.

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