

**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Kenneth W. Buchan, who deposed and said:

My name is Kenneth W. Buchan. I am employed as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent"). Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("Company"), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company and state that the facts set forth in this affidavit and the accompanying reports are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

- (1) That all federal high-cost support received by the Company within Washington was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended;
- (2) That during the 2020 calendar year, the Company substantially met the applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2020 calendar year, the Company had the ability to function in emergency situations by substantially adhering to the standards found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standards relate to functionality of wire line carriers in emergency situations; and
- (4) That during the 2020 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs, such as Lifeline, in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service, including residents of any federally recognized Indian Reservations within the Company's service area and, in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated this 31st day of June, 2021

Company: CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

By: Kenneth W. Buchan
Kenneth W. Buchan, Senior Manager Regulatory Finance, Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 31st day of June, 2021 in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Amy G. Allred
Notary Public

Amy G. Allred
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: upon death

