

REPORT OF PEND OREILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 12, 2022

Docket No. UT-210597

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1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops]

	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2021
Residential	<u>1023</u>	<u>1135</u>
Business	316	<u>313</u>

2. WAC 480-123-130(1)(b) - Use of Support

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 represent monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process and the reduction of support under the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Connect America Fund Inter-Carrier Compensation Fund (CAF ICC) program. As such, the funds from the universal communications services program contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal communication services program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In January 2022, the Company received \$356,117 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

During the program year 2021-2022, the Company had maintenance costs to the Central Offices for approximately \$33,004.00, other work equipment \$44,506.00, Electronic equipment upgrades for fiber to the home \$ 388,069.00 and cable/fiber/conduit placed in service \$ 540,014.00. Also, the Company had \$272,254 plant under construction that remained open at year end.

With the electronic equipment upgrades the company is able to serve 615 locations in Non-ACAM areas with speeds of 25/3 or better.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)© - Broadband Buildout Deployment

The Company falls into criterion two of WAC 480-123-110.

The Company has deployed to all locations (228) but the geocoded locations are not available at this time. The geocoded locations are almost complete and the Company will forward this information as soon as we receive it.

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) - Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

None

*Service requests that are ongoing but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) – Report on Operational Efficiencies/Business Plan Modification

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. The Company already has a plan in place to concentrate on improving broadband service while continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications service to the customers that are located within the area that the Company serves. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about April 5, 2022 under Docket UT-220001.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) – Other Efforts

The Company will be upgrading the Metaline Falls Central Office with new batteries and charging system this year. The will be installing a secondary 10G circuit at the Ione Central Office from Seattle for redundancy for our network. This upgrade will help with our growing Fiber to the Home deployment in all three exchanges.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) and (h) - Other information

N/A