

REPORT OF WESTGATE COMMUNICATIONS LLC UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2023

Docket No. UT-220578

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

| | January 1, 2022 | December 31, 2022 |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Residential | <u>52</u> | <u>51</u> |
| Business | <u>30</u> | <u>30</u> |

WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) – Broadband Subscribers

| | January 1, 2022 | December 31, 2022 |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Voice - Data | <u>12</u> | <u>12</u> |

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

The funds received by Westgate Communications LLC (dba “WeavTel,” “Company”) from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2022 represent revenues 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 December 2022, the Company received \$103,242 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the Company undertook and continued several major construction projects. Three towers were completed at sites Nos. one, two and three. No state USF funds were used at site 3. Site one was placed on Buehler's Bluff and consisted of a 40 foot tower, CBRS Access Point radios, 60Ghz point to point radios, 5Ghz Ubiquity access points, two solar array power plants, a remote data switch and a remote building for battery plant and transmission switching equipment. Site two is located at the WeavTel headquarters/property and consists of a 155 foot tower, 60 Ghz point to point radios, 5Ghz/2Ghz Ubiquity access points, a new tower switch, a new remote building for the tower switch, a new fiber link from the remote building to the tower and a new router/load balancer to load and balance data traffic over multiple satellite links. The Stehekin warehouse and shed repair was also completed with a 30 foot container being added to the site for increased stability and storage capability. The third tower site is located at the Stehekin Landing Earth Station site and was upgraded with a new data switch, a 60Ghz point to point radios to enhance service to existing 5Ghz/2Ghz Ubiquity radios.

The significant, unexpected and unfunded expenses associated with reporting in the HUBB and testing in the PPM that are required by the FCC became apparent after WeavTel received and accepted its ACAM offer. Because these reporting requirements are costly, time consuming and were developed after the Company's ACAM election, this process has caused a major slowing of the original 25/3 Mbps broadband location projections made by Westgate. However, Westgate has and will continue to meet its ACAM federal and state location buildout obligations as previously projected.

The Company borrowed in excess of \$50,000 in 2022 as the funds were needed for construction and operations that exceeded this amount. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform the projects listed above, including, without limitation, the repayment of RUS loan funds.

In the second half of the calendar year 2023, the Company's broadband project will include the purchase and installation of more customer premises Long-Term Evolution ("LTE") equipment. Westgate will continue to seek and apply for RUS, USAC and BEAD grants to further fund its project for terrestrial connectivity for backhaul and a new customer base between the Stehekin study area and the WeavTel Manson end office. WeavTel will continue to work to meet its 25/3 Mbps FCC and WUTC broadband buildout obligations along with reporting in the USAC HUBB and PMM. The Company will also continue to perform installations for new customers that meet the federally mandated 25/3 Mbps speed requirements for broadband service.

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

As reported in the HUBB (High Cost Universal Broadband) for ACAM II Support, the Company's "Total Buildout Target" is 232 FCC locations and as of December 31, 2022, the Company has reported 93 locations. Additionally, as specified in WUTC Docket UT-190437 and General Order R-598, WeavTel committed to serving an additional 70 locations ("Category Two Broadband Deployment Obligation") with 25/3 Mbps broadband service. As of December 31, 2022, the Company is reporting 30 WUTC mandated locations with 25/3 Mbps broadband

service. WeavTel anticipates that all required FCC milestones and 70 WUTC mandated locations will be served with 25/3 Mbps broadband speeds by December 31, 2023.

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)(g) and (i) - FCC Form 477 and FCC Broadband Data Collection

The FCC Form 477 was previously filed on or about March 1, 2023, in accordance with Docket UTC-210002. The Company will file its Broadband Data Collection data points as required in UT-220275 no later than September 15, 2023.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) - Report on Operational Efficiencies/Business Plan Modifications Service*

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. WeavTel has an existing 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 Company's service area. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) and (k) - Other Information

N/A.

Certified Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) and WAC 480-123-130(1)(f):

I, Richard J. Weaver, am an officer of Westgate Communications LLC (d/b/a "WeavTel", the "Company"), and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Westgate Communications LLC d/b/a "WeavTel" materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support. In addition, I certify that the Company has committed to deploy broadband to at least those locations comprising the broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission per WAC 480-123-120(5).

Signed at 51 Varney Lane Stehekin, Washington this 30th day of June 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Weaver".

Richard J Weaver
General Manger