

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

July 9, 2024

Docket No. UT-230608

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	<u>1072</u>	<u>1010</u>
Business	<u>310</u>	<u>269</u>
Broadband	<u>901</u>	<u>1115</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, 2024 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 December 2023, the Company received \$356,117 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

During the program year 2023-2024, the Company had electronic equipment upgrades for fiber to the home \$ 24,658.07 and cable/fiber/conduit placed in service \$829047.24. The Company had \$796,100.08 plant under construction that remained open at year- end.

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 required locations (228).

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)(e) – Sworn Statement Certifying Compliance

I, Michael J. Martell am an officer of the Company and in that capacity, hereby certify that during the preceding year that Pend Oreille Telephone Company materially complied with all Commission Rules in Chapter 480-120-WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision on service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support and was committed to meeting its broadband obligation by the end of the 2024 fiscal year.

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



Signed at Glenss Ferry, ID this 9th day of July, 2024

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(f)- Sworn Statement Certifying Required Compliance with WAC - 123-120(5)

I, Michael J. Martell am an officer of the Company and in that capacity, hereby certify that during the preceding year that Pend Oreille Telephone Company materially complied with all Commission Rules in Chapter 480-120-WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision on service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support and has met its broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission.

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



Signed at Glenss Ferry, ID this 9th day of July, 2024

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) – Broadband Data Collection

Pend Oreille Telephone Company will file its Digital Opportunity Data Collection (or BDC) polygons/lists no later than September 1, 2024. The Company filed its BDC polygons/ lists on February 9, 2024, in Docket UT-240058.

8. 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.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(i) - FCC Form 477

Form 477 voice and broadband subscribership data was filed on February 9, 2024, in Docket UT-240062.

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

Please see attached Construction & Network Upgrades

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

N/A