BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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PETITION OF HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC. TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE STATE UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the State Universal Communications Services Program established in RCW 80.36.650 (the "Program") for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100

WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC 480-120-021 that serves less than forty thousand access lines within the state.

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- 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h).
- 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company's rates for residential local exchange service, plus mandatory extended area service charges, are no lower than the local urban rate floor established by the Commission as the benchmark rate based on the Federal Communications Commission's national local urban rate floor pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.318 in effect on the date of this Petition.<sup>1</sup>
- 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D Universal Service Support for High Cost Areas with respect to the service area for which the Company is seeking Program support.

#### II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110

1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On April 15, 2019, the FCC released a Report and Order (FCC 19-32) in its WC Docket No. 10-90, repealing 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.318 and eliminating the national local urban rate floor, effective June 6, 2019. The Program was designed with a minimum rate floor component. In light of the FCC's Order (FCC 19-32), Commission Staff has provided guidance that, for purposes of the Program, the local urban rate floor benchmark be considered to have been set at each petitioning company's rates for local exchange service, plus mandatory extended area service charges, in effect as of December 31, 2018.

- 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between the Company and all affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No. 105 of the Company's Tariff WN U-2.
- 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): A demonstration that the Company's customers are at risk of rate instability or service interruption or cessation in the absence of support from the Program is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(i): On the Commission's prescribed form, attached hereto as Exhibit 4, are copies of the Company's balance sheet as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, and copies of the Company's statements of income and retained earnings or margin for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017. In addition, certain service information requested by the Commission is included in Exhibit 4.
- 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(ii): A copy of the parent company's consolidated annual financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, are attached hereto as Exhibit 5.
- 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iii): Information demonstrating the Company's earned rate of return on a total Washington unseparated regulated operations basis for each of the two prior years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in Exhibit 4 hereto.

- 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iv): Information demonstrating the Company's earned return on equity on a total company (regulated and non-regulated) Washington basis for each of the two prior years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in Exhibit 5 hereto.
- 9. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(v): Information detailing all of the Company's assets and revenues from the balance sheets, statements of income and retained earnings or margin in the same format and detail as is required to complete USDA-RUS Operating Report for the prior two years is presented on Exhibit 6 attached hereto.
- 10. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vi): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company officer with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that no corporate operations expense to existing mechanisms required by the Federal Communications Commission applied to the Company for the two prior years is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.
- 11. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vii): Exhibit 4 contains additional supporting information requested by the Commission.
- 12. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(viii): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company officer with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that the Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange companies is attached hereto as Exhibit 8.
- 13. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A complete copy of the FCC Form 481 filed by the Company or on its behalf with the Federal Communications Commission for the calendar year preceding

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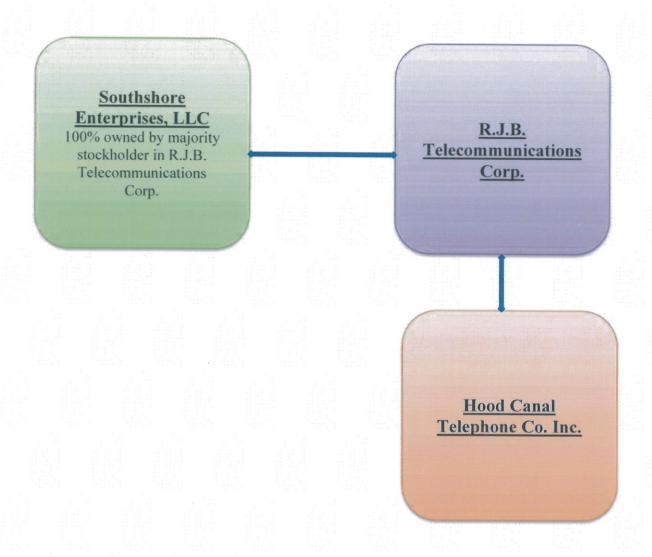
the current year has already been filed with the Commission. See the Company's filing in Docket No. UT-190005 filed on or about June 25, 2019.

- 14. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2018, was 537, all of which were within the geographic area for which the Company is seeking support. The number of residential local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2017, was 573, all of which were within the geographic area for which the Company is seeking support. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2018, was 211, all of which were within the geographic area for which the Company is seeking support. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2017, was 209, all of which were within the geographic area for which the Company is seeking support. The monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2018 and 2017, was \$18.00. The rate charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on December 31, 2018 and 2017, was \$19.50. (The Company has other business local exchange service rates, but the Company understands that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line business local exchange access service rate.)
- 15. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statement is attached hereto as Exhibit 9.
- 16. The 2011 Rate of Return Carrier Base Period Revenue amount on line 4 of the CAF ICC Data Collection Report for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 is \$419,381 and has not changed from prior filings for Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

1	17. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated in this Petition as though fully set forth.
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7	Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2019.
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9	HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC.
10	CERTIFICATION
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12	I, Richard Buechel, an officer of Hood Canal Telephone Co. Inc. (the "Company") that is responsible for the Company's business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of
13	perjury that the information and representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has not knowingly withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission
14	pursuant to the rules governing the Program.
15	Dated at Union, Washington this 30 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.
16	By: Ruhard Buchel
17	By:
18	Title: Richard Buechel, President
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# EXHIBIT 1 CORPORATE ORGANIZATION CHART



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#### **EXHIBIT 2**

#### AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

The Company has affiliated transactions with its parent holding company R.J.B. Telecommunications Corp. These transactions consist of advances between the two entities. The Company records these transactions to the proper affiliated payable or receivable account.

The Company has transactions with Southshore Enterprises, LLC which is 100% owned by a majority stockholder of R.J.B. Telecommunications, Corp. These transactions consist of rents on certain real properties and equipment. The Company records these rents to the appropriate plant specific expense account and proper payable account.

Certain shareholders holding five percent or more of the stock, directly or indirectly, of the Company are also employees of the Company and receive from the Company employment compensation together with employment-associated benefits in accordance with benefit plans that are in place.

#### **EXHIBIT 3**

## DEMONSTRATION OF RISK OF RATE INSTABILITY OR SERVICE INTERRUPTION OR CESSATION

There are two sets of forces at work that lead to a risk of rate instability or service interruption or cessation. One is the growing competition. The second is the financial environment.

The Company has been working over the past several years to address growing competition. The Company has taken steps to increase the availability and capacity of broadband services offered by the Company. This has resulted in the Company making additional investments in regulated plant of approximately \$3,690,000 during the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2018. As a result, the Company has a sizable debt obligation to cover the investment that has been made.

Even with this investment, the Company is seeing increased competition. More customers are choosing either wireless or wireline as their service of choice instead of using wireless services as a complement to wireline service. In Hood Canal's case, the Company has lost 248 access lines since 2011. This represents a 25 percent reduction in lines.

The Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") requirement that the Company increase its rates to remain eligible for full federal USF support was a contributing factor to the access line loss. Since 2012, the Company has increased its local exchange service rates in order to be in compliance with the national urban rate floor prescribed by the FCC. However, those increases have been insufficient to fully replace the revenues that have been lost due to the reduction in access lines. In addition, those rate increases have tended to stimulate a rise in disconnection of service by customers. While the FCC has placed this upward movement in local rates on hold for the time being, the effect of rate increases has not been reversed.

As the Commission knows, a loss of customers equates to a loss of revenue without a corresponding reduction in expenses. Many of the expenses the Company has are fixed and do not vary with a reduction in access lines. The loss of revenue due to loss of access lines is just one of the negative financial factors for the Company.

It is clear that the Company is operating in an environment of financial uncertainty. Some of the financial uncertainty that the Company faces stems from the USF/ICC Transformation Order issued by the FCC. The USF/ICC Transformation Order has built in an automatic decline in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform - Mobility Fun, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-

Company's intrastate and interstate access revenues. The intercarrier compensation portion of the Transformation Order introduces a concept of a base line year for calculating terminating access and reciprocal compensation revenues and provides support from the Connect America Fund ("CAF") based on the base line year. However, the base line year revenues (from which the level of CAF support is derived) are reduced iteratively by five percent each year. The CAF support reduction began in July 2012. Projecting through the year ending June 30, 2020, including reductions that will occur July 1, 2019, the Company has seen a reduction in support from the base line revenue of approximately \$141,155.

This example carries over to the Company's overall financial situation. The overall financial condition of the Company is detailed in Exhibits 4, 5 and 6 of the Petition. This information demonstrates that there is reason for concern. For example, when adjusted to eliminate the support from the state Universal Communications Services Program that the Company received or accrued in 2018, the Company's total regulated revenue decreased by 13 percent from 2011 through 2018. The Company has looked for ways to lower expenses. However, much of the Company's operating expenses are fixed obligations, such as debt-related payments. Annual debt payments of principle and interest are approximately \$318,000.

Then, as the Commission is aware, the Company's receipt of revenue from the traditional Washington intrastate universal service access rate element and related pooling fund were terminated effective July 1, 2014. Since then, the loss of revenues derived from the traditional universal service access rate element has been off-set by revenues received by the Company as a result of its participation in the Program. Using 2012 as a base line, the Company is facing a loss of traditional universal service fund revenues of approximately \$39,400 per year if its participation in the Program is not renewed.

The Company is also subject to the new operating expense limitation for both high cost loop and the Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support ("CAF-BLS").<sup>2</sup> The operating expense limitation for CAF-BLS began in 2017. Since high-cost loop uses historical data to be paid out two years later, the operation expense limitation, as it affects the Company, for high-cost loop starts in 2018 based on 2016 data. This limitation will cause reductions to federal support funding to the Company.

The Company continues to construct fiber-to-the-home to various areas within its study area. The Company projects to invest approximately \$400,000 in 2020 for these fiber-to-the-home projects.

<sup>208,</sup> Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011)(*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CAF-BLS is a new mechanism used by the FCC. In part, CAF-BLS replaces the interstate common loop support, which is no longer available.

The combination of factors described above creates a situation in which the Company may be faced with a choice of increasing rates further or reducing service in order to be able to match expenses to revenues. Neither choice presents a viable path for providing continued high quality service to customers. The dilemma presented by these choices reflects the risk of rate instability or service interruption or cessation. Support from the state Universal Communications Services Program will help ameliorate this risk.

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State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Prior Year Balance Sheet

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CURRENT ASSETS 1. Cash and Equivalents 2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	2017 (A)	2017 (8)	2017 (C)	בואסורונים אותם פורסיים בליפוד	2017 (A)	2017 (B)	2017 (C)
Cash and Equivalents     Cash-RUS Construction Fund				CURRENT LIABILITIES			
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	1,625,224		1,625,224	25. Accounts Payable	348,950		348,950
			0	26. Notes Payable			0
3. Affiliates:							0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			0	28. Customer Deposits	72,944		72,944
b. Other Accounts Receivable	83,615		83,615	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	269,000		269,000
c. Notes Receivable			0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt Rur. Dev.			0
4. Non-Affiliates:				31. Current Mat Capital Leases			0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	576,058		576,058	32. Income Taxes Accrued			0
b. Other Accounts Receivable			0	33. Other Taxes Accrued	110,683		110,683
c, Notes Receivable	10,200		10,200	34. Other Current Liabilities	701,520		701,520
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			0	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	1,503,097	0	1,503,097
6. Material-Regulated	202,001		202,001	LONG-TERM DEBT			
7. Material-Nonregulated	170,082		170,082	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	809,956		809,956
8. Prepayments	107,415		107,415	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes			0
9. Other Current Assets			0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes			0
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	2,774,595	0	2,774,595	39. Funded Debt-Other			0
				40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	85,508		85,508
				41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt			0
NONCURRENT ASSETS				42. Reacquired Debt.			0
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies				43. Obligations Under Capital Lease			0
a. Rural Development			0	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies			0
b. Nonrural Development			0	45. Other Long-Term Debt			0
12. Other Investments				46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	895,464	0	895,464
a. Rural Development			0	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS			
b. Nonrural Development	151,462		151,462	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities			0
13. Nonregulated Investments (B1)	4,422,304	104,825	4,527,129	48. Deferred Income Taxes			0
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	358,568		358,568	49. Other Deferred Credits (D)	139,182	(19,421)	119,761
15. Deferred Charges			0 (	50. Other Jurisdictional Differences			0
15. Jurisdictional Differences	A 027 22A	104 925	0 027 150	51. Total Other Liab. & Der. Credits (47 thru 50)	139,182	(19,421)	119,761
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PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT				53. Additional Paid-in-Capital			0
18. Telecom Plant-In-Service	7,652,604	(795,549)	6,857,055	54. Treasury Stock			0
19. Property Held for Future Use			0	55. Membership and cap. Certificates			0
20. Plant Under Construction	148,856	(64,881)	83,975	56. Other Capital	515,689		515,689
21. Plant Adj., Nonop Plant & Goodwill			0	57. Patronage Capital Credits			0
22. Accumulated Depreciation (CR.)	(6,571,835)	755,605	(5,816,230)	58. Retained Earnings or Margins (B2)	5,833,122	19,421	5,852,543
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	1,229,625	(104,825)	1,124,800	59. Total Equity (52 thru 58)	6,398,811	19,421	6,418,232
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	8,936,554	0	8,936,554	60. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+51+59)	8,936,554	0	8,936,554
Footnotes:				Footnotes:			

(B) - Part 64 adjustments from regulated to nonregulated. (C) - Adjusted Balance after Part 64

(B2) - Part 64 offset to retained earnings (D) - Excludes deferred taxes

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State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Current Year Balance Sheet

Adj. Balance End of Year 2018 (C)	420,471	0	0	75,682	174,829	0	0	0	137.516	669,448	1,477,946		703,036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	703,036		0	37,084	85,901	0	122,985		20,000	0	0	0	515,689	0	7,176,902	7,742,591	10.046.550
Part 64 Adj to NonReg 2018 (B)					-		:				0												0			37,084	(6,756)		30,328								(30,328)	(30,328)	
End of Year 2018 (A)	420,471			75,682	174,829				137,516	669,448	1,477,946		703,036										703,036				92,657		92,657		20,000				515,689		7,207,230	7,772,919	10 045 558
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	CURRENT LIABILITIES 25. Accounts Payable	26. Notes Payable	27. Advance Billings and Payments		29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt Rur. Dev.	31. Current Mat Capital Leases	32, Income Taxes Accrued	33. Other Taxes Accrued	34. Other Current Liabilities	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	LONG-TERM DEBT	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	39. Funded Debt-Other	40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	42. Reacquired Debt	43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	45. Other Long-Term Debt	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	48. Deferred Income Taxes	49. Other Deferred Credits (D)	50. Other Jurisdictional Differences	51. Total Other Liab. & Def. Credits (47 thru 50)	EQUITY	52. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed	53. Additional Paid-in-Capital	54. Treasury Stock	55. Membership and cap. Certificates	56. Other Capital	57. Patronage Capital Credits	58. Retained Earnings or Margins (B2)	59. Total Equity (52 thru 58)	60. TOTAL HABILITIES AND FOLITY (35-46+51+59)
End of Year 2018 (C)	1,502,837	0		0	121,363	0		498,752	0	19,300	0	262,116	682,894	141,178	0	3,228,440					0	0		0	161,265	4,533,130	558,887	0	0	5,253,282			7,953,807	0	19,550	0	(6,408,521)	1,564,836	10.046.558
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End of Year 2018 (A)	1,502,837				121,363			498,752		19,300		262,116	682,894	141,178		3,228,440									161,265	4,095,996	558,887			4,816,148			9,443,150		351,082		(7,792,262)	2,001,970	10:046.558
ASSETS	CURRENT ASSETS 1. Cash and Equivalents	2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	3. Affiliates:	a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	b. Other Accounts Receivable	c. Notes Receivable	4. Non-Affiliates:	a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	b. Other Accounts Receivable	c. Notes Receivable	5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	6. Material-Regulated	7. Material-Nonregulated	8. Prepayments	9. Other Current Assets	10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			NONCURRENT ASSETS	11. Investment in Affiliated Companies	a. Rural Development	b. Nonrural Development	12. Other Investments	a. Rural Development	b. Nonrural Development	13. Nonregulated Investments (B1)	14. Other Noncurrent Assets	15. Deferred Charges	16. Jurisdictional Differences	17. Total noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)		PLANI, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	18. Telecom Plant-In-Service	19. Property Held for Future Use	20. Plant Under Construction	21. Plant Adj., Nonop Plant & Goodwill	22. Accumulated Depreciation (CR.)	23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)

(A) - As reported on RUS Form 479
(B) - Part 64 adjustments from regulated to nonregulated.
(C) - Adjusted Balance after Part 64

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(D) - Excludes deferred taxes
Line 49 column A includes Deferred Compensation Payable \$55,123 and
Deferred gain on property sale of \$37,534
Line 49 Column 8 is Part 64 adjustment for the Deferred Compensation Payable portion

(B1) - Part 64 offset to nonreg investment (B2) - Part 64 offset to retained earnings

State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Prior and Current Year Balance Sheet

	Adjusted	Adjusted		Adjusted	Adjusted
ASSETS	Prior Year	Current Year	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	Prior Year	Current Year
	Balance 2017	Balance 2018		Balance 2017	Balance 2018
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	1,625,224	1,502,837	25. Accounts Payable	348,950	420,471
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	0	0	26. Notes Payable	0	0
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	0	0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	28. Customer Deposits	72,944	75,682
b. Other Accounts Receivable	83,615	121,363	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	269,000	174,829
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt Rur. Dev.	0	0
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat Capital Leases	0	0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	576,058	498,752	32. Income Taxes Accrued	0	0
b. Other Accounts Receivable	0	0	33. Other Taxes Accrued	110,683	137,516
c. Notes Receivable	10,200	19,300	34. Other Current Liabilities	701,520	669,448
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	0	0	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 - 34)	1,503,097	1,477,946
6. Material-Regulated	202,001	262,116	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated	170,082	682,894	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	809,956	703,036
8. Prepayments	107,415	141,178	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	0	0
9. Other Current Assets	0	0	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	2,774,595	3,228,440	39. Funded Debt-Other	0	0
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	85,508	0
			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0
NONCURRENT ASSETS			42. Reacquired Debt	0	0
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0
a. Rural Development	0	0	44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	45. Other Long-Term Debt	0	0
12. Other Investments			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36-45)	895,464	703,036
a. Rural Development	0	0	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
b. Nonrural Development	151,462	161,265	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	0	0
13. Nonregulated Investments	4,527,129	4,533,130	48. Deferred Income Taxes	0	37,084
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	358,568	558,887	49. Other Deferred Credits	119,761	85,901
15. Deferred Charges	0	0	50. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	51. Total Other Liab. & Def. Credits (47 thru 50)	119,761	122,985
17. Total noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	5,037,159	5,253,282	EQUITY		
			52. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed	20,000	20,000
PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			53. Additional Paid-in-Capital	0	0
18. Telecom Plant-in-Service	6,857,055	7,953,807	54. Treasury Stock	0	0
19. Property Held for Future Use	0	0	55. Membership and cap. Certificates	0	0
20. Plant Under Construction	83,975	19,550	56. Other Capital	515,689	515,689
21. Plant Adj., Nonop Plant & Goodwill	0	0	57. Patronage Capital Credits	0	0
22. Accumulated Depreciation (CR.)	(5,816,230)	(6,408,521)	58. Retained Earnings or Margins	5,852,543	7,176,902
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	1,124,800	1,564,836	59. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	6,418,232	7,742,591
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	8.936.554	10.046.558	60. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FOUITY (35+46+51+59)	8 936 55 <u>4</u>	10 046 558
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Footnote: Adjusted Balances represents balances after Part 64 adjustments

PETITION OF HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC. TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM STATE UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM - EXHIBIT 4-4

		B/S	Adj. Balance	Adj. Balance	Average
ine #	Description	Line	End of Year	End of Year	Adj End of Year
		#	2017	2018	Balance
	Average Rate Base:				
Н	Total Regulated Adjusted Telecom Plant-In-Service	18	6,857,055	7,953,807	7,405,431
2	Total Property Held for Future Use	19	0	0	0
m	Total Regulated Adjusted Accumulated Depreciation (CR)	22	(5,816,230)	(6,408,521)	(6,112,376)
4	Total Regulated Materials & Supplies	9	202,001	262,116	232,059
2	Deferred Income Taxes (CR)*		(209,661)	(37,084)	(123,373)
9	Total Regulated Rate Base		1,033,165	1,770,318	1,401,742

Footnotes:

1. Normal balance of deferred income taxes and

accumulated depreciation is a credit.

2. For "S Corp" companies, manual input required for Deferred Operating Income Taxes, Line 5.

3. Adjusted balance includes Part 64 adjustments

		Prior Year	Current Year		
Line #	Description	End of Yr.	End of Yr.	Difference	%
		Balance - 2017	Balance - 2017 Balance - 2018		Change
	Access Lines:				
Н	Residential	573	562	(11)	-1.9%
2	Business	209	211	2	1.0%
m	Total	782	773	(6)	-1.2%

Note: If 2017 does not equal last year's petition and template, explain.

EXHIBIT 4-6

		Prior Year	Part 64	Prior Year
ine #	Description	2017	Adj. to NonReg	Adjusted
		(A)	(B)	2017 (C)
1	Local Network Services Revenues	203,329	11 11 1	203,32
2	Network Access Services Revenues	1,377,959	- 1	1,377,95
3	Long Distance Network Services Revenues	233,978	(200,252)	33,72
4	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	1 1.1		
5	Miscellaneous Revenues	18,920		18,92
6	Uncollectible Revenues (Normal Balance is debit or in brackets)	(27,319)		(27,31
7	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 6)	1,806,867	(200,252)	1,606,61
8	Plant Specific Operations Expense	1,466,016	(398,710)	1,067,30
9	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (excluding Depreciation & Amort.)	217,726	(16,918)	200,80
10	Depreciation Expense	233,795	(33,150)	200,64
11	Amortization Expense	6,560	(6,560)	
12	Customer Operations Expense	653,950	(257,059)	396,89
13	Corporate Operations	819,358	(236,544)	582,81
14	Total Operations Expenses (8 thru 13)	3,397,405	(948,941)	2,448,46
15	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(1,590,538)	748,689	(841,84
16	Other Operating Income and Expenses ( )	1		
17	State and Local Taxes	126,501	(11,343)	115,15
18	Federal Income Taxes (A1) - (LINE IS ZERO IF COMPANY IS S CORP)		0	
19	Other Taxes			
20	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	126,501	(11,343)	115,15
21	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(1,717,039)	760,032	(957,00
22	Interest on Funded Debt	42,674	(37,599)	5,07
	Interest Expense - Capital Leases		3: .1	
24	Other Interest Expense	3,441	2- 7	3,44
25	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (Record as a Credit)		-: 11-11	
26	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24+25)	46,115	(37,599)	8,51
	Nonoperating Net Income	118,189		118,18
28	Extraordinary Items			
29	Jurisdictional Differences			
	Nonregulated Net Income (B1)	2,537,659	(797,631)	1,740,02
31	Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	892,694	0	892,69
	Total Taxes Based on Income			
33	Retained Earning or Margins Beginning-of-Year	4,940,428	1 1 1 1	4,940,42
	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		11	
35	Dividends Declared (Common)		5- 5- 5	
	Dividends Declared (Preferred)			- : " - :
37	Other Debits Year-to-Date			
38	Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39	Retained Earnings End-of-Period ((31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)(A2)	5,833,122	0	5,833,12
40	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	1 1 1 1		1
41	Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42	Patronage Capital Credits Retired	- 12		
43	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	.0	.0	-
44	Annual Debt Service Payments	345,392		345,39
45	Cash Ratio ((14+20-10-11)/7)	1.8173	4.5971	1.470
46	Operating Accrual Ratio ((14+20+26)/7)	1.9758	4.9831	1.601
47	TIER ((31+26)/26)	20.3580	1.0000	105.825
48	DSCR ((31+26+10+11)/44)	3.4140	#DIV/0!	3.190

#### Footnotes

- (A) As reported on RUS Form 479
- (A1) S Corps provide effective tax rate from Cost study on Page 9 Income Statement Summary Schedule Footnote
- (A2) Column A, Line 39 must equal Column A, Line 58 of Page 2, Balance Sheet
- (B) Part 64 adjustment from regulated to nonregulated
- (B1) Column B, automatic offset to Nonregulated Net Income (No Impact to retained earnings)
  - Line 3 column b, changed due to removing Interstate ILEC portion improperly last year in the amount of \$10,058.

ine #		Current Year	Part 64	Current Year
ine #	Description	2018	Adj. to NonReg	Adjusted
-	. (0)	(A)	(B)	2018 (C)
1	Local Network Services Revenues	198,608	H idea	198,60
2	Network Access Services Revenues	1,556,314		1,556,31
3	Long Distance Network Services Revenues	254,948	(222,427)	32,52
4	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	1 13		
5	Miscellaneous Revenues	18,460	1	18,46
6	Uncollectible Revenues (Normal Balance is debit or in brackets)	(4,713)		(4,71
7.	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 6)	2,023,617	(222,427)	1,801,19
8	Plant Specific Operations Expense	1,605,519	(550,820)	1,054,69
9	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (excluding Depreciation & Amort.)	240,398	(15,598)	224,80
10	Depreciation Expense	201,754	(23,158)	178,59
11	Amortization Expense	6,560	(6,560)	
12	Customer Operations Expense	641,892	(177,078)	464,81
13	Corporate Operations	803,666	(200,284)	603,38
14	Total Operations Expenses (8 thru 13)	3,499,789	(973,498)	2,526,29
15	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(1,476,172)	751,071	(725,10
16	Other Operating Income and Expenses ( )	1	: : : : : :	
17	State and Local Taxes	103,137	(18,223)	84,91
18	Federal Income Taxes (A1) - (LINE IS ZERO IF COMPANY IS S CORP)		0	
19	Other Taxes			
20	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	103,137	(18,223)	84,91
21	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(1,579,309)	769,294	(810,01
22	Interest on Funded Debt	31,753		31,75
23	Interest Expense - Capital Leases	11 11 1		
24	Other Interest Expense	2,308		2,30
25	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (Record as a Credit)		-: -: -:	
	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24+25)	34,061	0	34,06
	Nonoperating Net Income	18,139		18,13
28	Extraordinary Items			
	Jurisdictional Differences			
	Nonregulated Net Income (B1)	2,969,339	(769,294)	2,200,04
	Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	1,374,108	0	1,374,10
	Total Taxes Based on Income			
33	Retained Earning or Margins Beginning-of-Year	5,833,122		5,833,12
	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		6: .4. 1	
	Dividends Declared (Common)		2- 5	
	Dividends Declared (Preferred)			
37	Other Debits Year-to-Date	::	3 3.3	
	Transfers to Patronage Capital			
	Retained Earnings End-of-Period ((31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)(A2)	7,207,230	0	7,207,23
	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	147		
	Transfers to Patronage Capital			
- 1	Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	. 0	0 1	
	Annual Debt Service Payments	318,352		318,35
45	Cash Ratio ((14+20-10-11)/7)	1.6775	4.3250	1.350
	Operating Accrual Ratio ((14+20+26)/7)	1.7973	4.4586	1.468
47	TIER ((31+26)/26)	41.3426	#DIV/0!	41.342
	DSCR ((31+26+10+11)/44)	5.0777	#DIV/0!	4.984

Footnotes:

<sup>(</sup>A) As reported on RUS Form 479

<sup>(</sup>A1) S Corps provide effective tax rate from Cost study on Page 9, Income Statement Summary Schedule Footnote

<sup>(</sup>A2) Column A, Line 39 must equal Column A, Line 58 of Page 3, Balance Sheet

<sup>(</sup>B) Part 64 adjustment from regulated to nonregulated

<sup>(</sup>B1) Column B, automatic offset to Nonregulated Net Income (No Impact to retained earnings)

		Adjusted	Adjusted
Line #	Description	Prior Year	Current Year
		2017	2018
1	Local Network Services Revenues	203,329	198,608
2	Network Access Services Revenues	1,377,959	1,556,314
3	Long Distance Network Services Revenues	33,726	32,521
4	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	0	0
5	Miscellaneous Revenues	18,920	18,460
6	Uncollectible Revenues (Normal Balance is debit or in brackets)	(27,319)	(4,713)
7	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 6)	1,606,615	1,801,190
8	Plant Specific Operations Expense	1,067,306	1,054,699
9	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (excluding Depreciation & Amort.)	200,808	224,800
10	Depreciation Expense	200,645	178,596
11	Amortization Expense	0	0
12	Customer Operations Expense	396,891	464,814
13	Corporate Operations	582,814	603,382
14	Total Operations Expenses (8 thru 13)	2,448,464	2,526,291
15	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(841,849)	(725,101)
16	Other Operating Income and Expenses ( )	0	0
17	State and Local Taxes	115,158	84,914
18	Federal Income Taxes (A1) - (LINE IS ZERO IF COMPANY IS S CORP)	0	0
19	Other Taxes	0	0
	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	115,158	84,914
21	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(957,007)	(810,015)
	Interest on Funded Debt	5,075	31,753
	Interest Expense - Capital Leases	0	0
	Other Interest Expense	3,441	2,308
	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (Record as a Credit)	0	0
	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24+25)	8,516	34,061
27	Nonoperating Net Income	118,189	18,139
28	Extraordinary Items	0	0
	Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
30	Nonregulated Net Income	1,740,028	2,200,045
31	Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	892,694	1,374,108
32	Total Taxes Based on Income		
33	Retained Earning or Margins Beginning-of-Year	4,940,428	5,833,122
	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	0	0
35	Dividends Declared (Common)	0	0
36	Dividends Declared (Preferred)	0	0
37	Other Debits Year-to-Date	0	0
38	Transfers to Patronage Capital	0	0
39	Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period ((31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)	5,833,122	7,207,230
40	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	0	0
41	Transfers to Patronage Capital	0	0
42	Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0	0
43	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0	0
44	Annual Debt Service Payments	345,392	318,352
45	Cash Ratio ((14+20-10-11)/7)	1.4708	1.3506
46	Operating Accrual Ratio ((14+20+26)/7)	1.6010	1.4686
	TIER ((31+26)/26)	105.8255	41.3426
48	DSCR ((31+26+10+11)/44)	3.19	4.9843

	Footnote	2017	2018
(A1)	S Corporation Effective Tax Rate (2 decimal places):	17.88%	11.73%

Note

Adjusted Income Statement reflects Part 64 Adustments (Regulated to Nonregulated).

State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Prior and Current Year Access Revenue Detail

			Prior Year	Current Year
ne #	Description	Part 32	2017	2018
		Account		
Н	End User Revenue (SLC, ARC, etc.)	5081	108,019	105,248
7	Switched Access (excluding USF):	5082		
2a	Intrastate		51,762	51,599
2b	Interstate (includes CAF)		413,099	746,059
m	Special Access:	5083		
3a	Intrastate		1,223	1,223
3b	Interstate		97,860	132,240
4	Federal USF (ICLS/HCL/SN)	Varies	269,224	234,331
2	Federal USF (ACAM or BLS)	Varies	421,755	724,823
9	State USF	Varies	142,406	158,225
7	Other*	Varies	(127,389)	127,389
00	Total (must equal line 2 of Income Stmt.)		1,377,959	1,556,314
6	Line 2 of Income Stmt.		1,377,959	1,556,314
10	Difference		C	C

Footnote:
\* - if > than 5% of Access revenue total,
provide description below.
Line 8 Accrue Audit adjustment in 2017 and reversed in 2018 to recognize repayment of USF funding based on USAC audit

State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Out-of-Period and Pro Forma Adjustments

Description of Out-of-Period - 2018 (As Recorded) OR	Year		Part 32	Part 32 Account	
Pro Forma (PF) Adjustments for Current Year or Reversing from Prior Year	900	OOP or PDF?	Debit	Credit	
Adjustment #1: BCM Refund July-Dec 2018 received in 2019 - Add to Network Access Revenues Tax of 21% on BCM Refund Accrued estimated BCM Refund on 2018 books for \$79,329, actual \$79,319	2018 PF 2018 PF		\$	\$	\$ 9 Net Adj
Adjustment #2: BCM Refund July-Dec 2017 received in 2018 - Remove from Network Access Rev Tax of 21% on BCM Refund	2017 PF 2017 PF		\$ 45,550	45	\$ (40,207) 5,343 Net Adj
Adjustment #3:					
Adjustment #4					
Adjustment #5					
			\$ 45,551	\$ 5,343	5,343 \$ (40,198) Net Total

### State USF Petition Filing Requirement -WAC 480-123-110 (1)(e) Rate of Return and Consolidated Return on Equity

Company Name: HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC.

			2018	
Line #	Source(A)	Net Operating Income Inputted FIT Calculation		
1	Page 9, Line 21 (CY)	Adjusted Net Operating Income	(810,015)	
2		Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments (Net of FIT)*	(40,198)	
3	Page 9, Line 26 (CY)	Total Fixed Charges	34,061	(A)
4	Sum	Adj. Taxable Operating Income (Line 1 + Line 2 - Line 3)	(884,274)	. ,
5		Inputted S Corp. Tax Rate(B)	11.73%	
6	Calculated	inputted FIT (Line 4* Line 5)	(103,725)	
7	Sum	Adj. Net Operating Income after FIT (Lines 1 + 2 - 6)	(746,488)	(B)
Line #		NonOperating Income Inputted FIT Calculation		
8	Page 9, Line 27 (CY)	Nonoperating net income	18,139	
9	Page 9, Line 30 (CY)	Nonregulated net income	2,200,045	
10	Sum	Sub-Total (Line 27+Line 30)	2,218,184	
11		Inputted S Corp. Tax Rate(B)	11.73%	
12	Calculated	FIT (Line 10 * Line 11)	260,193	
13	Sum	Nonop/Nonreg income after FIT (Line 10 - Line 12)	1,957,991	(C)
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14	Sum	Adjusted Net Income w/inputted FIT	1,211,503 (	B)+(C)**
17			-	
		South Check		
Line #	Source(A)	Sanity Check:		
<b>Line #</b>		Line 31 as reported	1,374,108	
Line # 15 16	Source(A)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments*	(40,198)	
15 16 17	Source(A)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total	(40,198) 1,333,910	
15 16 17 18	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent)	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27%	(2)
15 16 17	Source(A)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total	(40,198) 1,333,910	(D)**
15 16 17 18	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY) Calculated	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent)	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27%	(D)**
Line # 15 16 17 18 19	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY) Calculated	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent) Adjusted Net Income (Line 17*Line 18)	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27% 1,177,442	(D)**
Line #  15  16  17  18  19	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY)  Calculated  Source(A)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent) Adjusted Net Income (Line 17*Line 18)  Regulated Rate of Return	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27% 1,177,442	(D)**
15 16 17 18 19 Line #	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY)  Calculated  Source(A) Page 5, Total (PY)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent) Adjusted Net Income (Line 17*Line 18)  Regulated Rate of Return Regulated rate base Year End 2017	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27% 1,177,442 1,033,165 1,770,318	(D)**
Line #  15  16  17  18  19  Line #  20  21	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY)  Calculated  Source(A) Page 5, Total (PY) Page 5, Total (CY)	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent) Adjusted Net Income (Line 17*Line 18)  Regulated Rate of Return Regulated rate base Year End 2017 Regulated rate base Year End 2018	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27% 1,177,442 1,033,165 1,770,318 2,803,483	
Line #  15 16 17 18 19  Line #  20 21 22 23	Source(A) Page 9, Line 31 (CY)  Calculated  Source(A) Page 5, Total (PY) Page 5, Total (CY) Sum	Line 31 as reported Out-of-Period or Pro Forma Adjustments* Total Inverse of effective tax rate (100%-Line 10 percent) Adjusted Net Income (Line 17*Line 18)  Regulated Rate of Return Regulated rate base Year End 2017 Regulated rate base Year End 2018 Total	(40,198) 1,333,910 88.27% 1,177,442 1,033,165 1,770,318	(D)**

#### Footnotes

- In addition to out-of-period or pro forma adjustments, if the company had any disallowed corporate
  operations expense, please record net of FIT on Line 2. (Line 16 will auto populate)
- \*\* The difference between Line 14 (B +C) and Line 19 (D) should be Total Fixed Charges (Line 3)
  Fixed charges are deductible for calculating FIT, but is not included in net operating income used
  to calculate the ROR. Net operating income mirrors Line 21 of the Income statement

Prior and Current Year Broadband and Gross Capital Expenditures State USF Petition Filing Requirement - WAC 480-123-110(e)

Exhibit 4.1 - Statistics

HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC. Company Name: (Below)

		Prior Year	Current Year			
	Description	End of Yr.	End of Yr.	Difference	%	
		Balance - 2017	Balance - 2017   Balance - 2018		Change	
<b>Broadband Connections:</b>					のはないできる	
Residential						
Business						
Total						
Gross Regulated Capital E	Expenditures:	2017	2018	Difference % Change	% Change	
Total Annual Amount		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Control of the Contro	The second second	

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Broadband Connections by Type:							
DSL/FTTH							
Cable Modem							
Total	.12.						

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