

EXHIBIT 7

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I, Michael J. Shultz, am an officer of Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC. (the Company as set out in the Petition to which this is an Exhibit) and thereby certify that the Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission that apply to the Company.

Further, I certify that the Company commits to the deployment of broadband to the number of locations the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission determined by order and pursuant to WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii).

This Certification is a sworn statement made under the penalty of perjury as set forth in RCW 9A.72.085 and is made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael J. Shultz

Sr. Vice President – Regulatory & Public Policy