

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

July 1, 2024

Docket No. UT-230625

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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>51</u>	<u>53</u>
Business	<u>30</u>	<u>29</u>

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
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”, “Westgate”) from the Universal Communications Services Program (UCSP) in calendar year 2023 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 Intercarrier 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 \$103,308 from the UCSP for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Company undertook and continued several major projects. Westgate deployed and installed a Cambium CBRS system with access points and customer premise radios with some success but ultimately replaced all the Cambium equipment with a Tarauna Radio system that the Company continues to deploy to more customer locations. Westgate also upgraded the solar power system on Buehler's bluff to provision additional power availability and purchased new test equipment for various customer locations to meet statutory broadband speeds required as an ACAM II and Enhanced ACAM ILEC.

Over the years, Westgate has been committed to serving its customers and providing them with access to universal telecommunications services. During the past year, Westgate has invested significantly more funds than regularly budgeted to upgrade its telecommunications network to provision improved voice service and meet statutory broadband speed obligations.

Westgate will be unable to apply for BEAD funds in 2024 as the funds would only be available if the Company committed to serve all of Manson and Chelan, Washington. Westgate will also be without approximately 19 percent of its total revenue in 2024, when compared to 2023, as Washington State did not extend or replace the existing USCP funding.

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

Westgate continues to report locations 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, 2023, the Company has met its buildout and testing requirements. 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, 2023, the Company has met its buildout obligation to the WUTC mandated locations with 25/3 Mbps broadband service capability.

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, 2024, 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, 2024.

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 Service Communications 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 2024.



Richard J Weaver
General Manger