

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

July 1, 2023

Docket No. UT-220570

File electronically

1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops] and Broadband Connections<sup>1</sup>

	January 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
Residential	<u>1443</u>	<u>1332</u>
Business	<u>446</u>	<u>418</u>
Broadband	<u>1615</u>	<u>1611</u>

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

In December 2022, the Company received \$245,324 from the universal communications services program (“Program”) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The funds from the Program have contributed, and are contributing, to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. In addition, the funds from the Program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications and, together with its affiliate, provision of broadband services to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

The Company, in 2021, met the buildout requirements set for it by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) as contemplated by WAC 480-123-110(j),<sup>2</sup> the Company continues to construct substantial broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory. In 2022, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 120 locations. During the first six months of 2023, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 99 locations. In the second half of 2023,

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<sup>1</sup> Broadband connections include connections provided by the Company and/or its affiliate offering broadband service within the Company’s service area.

<sup>2</sup> See Paragraph 17 of the Commission’s General Order R-598, dated May 27, 2021, in Docket UT-190437, and Paragraph 14 of Order 01, dated November 24, 2021, in Docket UT-200708. The Company’s aggregate, four-year buildout requirement, including both Federal and state requirements, for is 434 locations.

the Company plans to continue building fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 370 locations.

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

An Excel workbook in the same format as required by the Universal Service Administrative Company HUBB portal containing the broadband buildout specific locations added in 2022 is included with this filing. A separate Excel workbook in the same format as required by the Universal Service Administrative Company HUBB portal containing the broadband buildout specific locations added in the first six months of 2023 is also included with this filing.

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) and (f) - Certifications

Certifications are below.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) - Broadband Availability Data

The Commission ordered in Docket UT-190437 that Program recipients provide their Digital Opportunity Data Collection information no later than 14 days after this information is due to the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity. The Company intends to provide the data filed in the Digital Opportunity Data Collection to the Commission within 14 days after the information is due to the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity.

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

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.

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

The data previously contained in the FCC Form 477, but now contained in the Broadband Data Collection, was previously filed on or about March 1, 2023, under Docket UT-230043.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Efforts to Advance Universal Service and the Public Interest

The Company provides telecommunications service to 100 % of the locations that have requested service and stands ready to meet any new requests for service. The Company, together with its affiliate, continues to expand the availability of high-speed broadband Internet access even though it has already met buildout requirements for that service established by the Federal Communications Commission and the Commission. This continued expansion is almost all fiber optic-based. For locations served by fiber optic facilities, the Company currently offer speeds up two hundred (200) mbps download and fifty (50) mbps upload. The Company is currently planning to implement a gigabyte service offering for locations served by fiber optic facilities.

10. WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) - Other information or reports

None requested.

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

I, Steven D. Hanson, am an officer of Kalama Telephone Company and, in that capacity, hereby certify that during the preceding year Kalama Telephone Company (“Company”) (i) materially complied with all Commission rules in 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 and (ii) has met its broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission.

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

Signed at Tenino, Washington this 26th day of June, 2023.



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Steven D. Hanson  
President