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

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

	January 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
Residential	<u>1135</u>	<u>1072</u>
Business	<u>313</u>	<u>310</u>
Broadband	<u>958</u>	<u>901</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, 2022 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 2022, the Company received \$356,117 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

During the program year 2022-2023, the Company had maintenance costs to the Central Offices for approximately \$113,176.70, Electronic equipment upgrades for fiber to the home \$338,645.10 and cable/fiber/conduit placed in service \$459,204.04. Also, the Company had \$584,717.89 plant under construction that remained open at year end.

With the electronic equipment upgrades the company is able to serve 712 locations in Non-ACAM areas with speeds of 25/3 or better.

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) and the company is attaching the Excel spreadsheet with locations. This will be exhibit 1.

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 Glenns Ferry, ID this 12th day of July, 2023

- 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 Glenns Ferry, ID this 12th day of July, 2023

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 15, 2023.

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

This form is no longer required.

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

Pend Oreille Telecom Construction & Network Upgrades 2022-2024

New Calix E3 Site at Bud Porter Site

- Timetable for Completion of Project (Completed as of December 2022)
- ACAM & NON-ACAM Customers
- Upgrade with provide speed up to 100M/20M Bonded
 - o 8Th Ave South & North
 - o Bud Porter
 - o Creek Side Dr. N
 - o Pickett St.
 - o Couture Way

New Minor Apts. Upgrade (Fiber/Gam Units)

- Timetable for Completion of Project (Fall of 2023)
- All Non-ACAM Customers
- Upgrade will provide up to 1G Services to Apartment Complex

New Fiber Optic Cable from Ione Central Office to Metaline DLC Site (Project in Process)

- (Multi-fiber count on this build from 48,96,192)
- Timetable for completion of Project (August 2023)
- ACAM & NON-ACAM Customers
 - Locations listed below:
 - State Route HWY 20
 - Bockman Rd.
 - Cedar Creek Terrace
 - Lodge Pole Rd
 - Sweet Creek Ranch Rd

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Project #1 (Project in Process)

- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Timetable for Completion of Project (July 2023)
- All ACAM Customers
 - Snow Berry Ln
 - Berry Rd
 - Skookum Creek Rd
 - Frissell Rd
 - Sandwich Creek Rd
 - Leclerc Rd South

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Projects #2, #3 & #4 (South of Ione.)

- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Time Table Completion of Project (December 2023)
- All ACAM Customers
 - o Locations listed Below:
 - Dewitt Rd
 - Stillwater Rd
 - Wilderness Ave
 - Northstar Rd
 - Timberline Rd
 - Evergreen Ln
 - Graham Rd
 - Dennis Rd

New Fiber Optic Cable from Tacoma Creek to Riverview Dr. (Waiting on State Highway Permits

- First phase of South to North Fiber Project
- 8 Miles of Fiber from Tacoma Creek to Riverview Dr.
- Timetable for completion of Project TBA
- All ACAM Customers
 - State Route Hwy 20
 - Tacoma Creek Rd
 - 4 Dog Ln
 - Locke Cutoff Rd
 - Cusick Creek Rd
 - Homestead Rd
 - Devils Dr
 - S Shadow Dr
 - N Shadow Dr
 - Needles Dr
 - Pine Dr
 - Woodland Dr
 - Riverview Dr

New Fiber Optic Cable from Payton Heidi to Alaska Ln. (Waiting on State Hwy Permits)

- · Second phase of South to North Fiber Project
- 8 Miles of Fiber from Alaska Ln to Payton Heidi Ln
- Timetable for completion of Project (TBA)
- All ACAM Customers
 - Blue slide Resort
 - Highway 20
 - Hazel St.
 - Reynold Creek Rd
 - Hawk Ln
 - Payton Heidi Ln
 - Echo Ln
 - Christen Cutoff
 - Boyd Ln

New Fiber Optic Cable from Metaline Falls C.O. to US Border Along Hwy 31)

- Hwy 31 US Border Fiber Project
- 10.5 Miles of Fiber from Metaline Fall C.O. to the Vault at Crescent Lake Rd
- Timetable for completion of Project (TBA)
 - US Border Complex
 - Highway 31
 - Lime Lake Rd
 - Sullivan Lake Rd to Lime Lake Rd
 - Grandview Flats Rd
 - Circle (Motel Loop)
 - Larsen Blvd
 - Abby Lane
 - Hacienda Way

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Project

- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Timetable for Completion of Project (TBA)
- All ACAM Customers
 - Grandview Rd
 - Ridge Rd
 - Old Leclerc Rd
 - Riverway Dr
 - S River Rd
 - N River Rd
 - Arthurs Blvd
 - Pine St. N
 - Shady Ln
 - Larch Ln
 - Wagon Wheel Ave