

REPORT OF ST JOHN TELEPHONE, INC. UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2024

Docket No. UT-230632

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	267	251
Business	112	110

Broadband Connections Served

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	428	430
Business	48	51

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

The funds received by the St John Telephone, Inc. ("Company") from the universal communications services program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 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 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 \$84,541 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

During the program year 2023-2024, the Company upgrading central office satellite switch with VOIP integration for approximately \$5,300, purchased 10gig passive optical network

(PON) equipment to increase bandwidth to customers for approximately \$16,300, replaced obsolete optical network terminal equipment for approximately \$34,700 and installed fiber drops for approximately \$2,400. Also, the Company had plant under construction for approximately \$14,300 that remained open at fiscal yearend. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects.

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

The Company falls into criterion four of WAC 480-123-110 and as a result has constructed broadband infrastructure throughout all its service territory. This means that the Company is using program support to allow it to continue to provide a high level of telecommunications services and broadband services, with enhancements becoming available where appropriate.

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) - FCC Broadband Data Collection

This Company previously filed its Broadband Data Collection polygons or lists on or about March 1, 2024, under Docket UT-240058.

6) 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.

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

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2024, under Docket UT-240062. The 477 Subscription Data at census tract level on a Washington state basis has been moved and renamed to the Broadband Data Collection report.

8) WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Other efforts

Throughout its serving area, the company has constructed fiber-to-the-home. This allows the Company to offer broadband speeds substantially in excess of 25/3, the current FCC broadband speed standard.

9) WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) – Other information

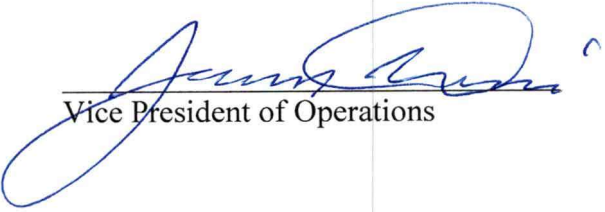
Not applicable.

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

I, Joseph Dennis, am an officer of St John Telephone, Inc., and, in that capacity, hereby certify that St. John Telephone, Inc. (i) materially complied with all 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 and (ii) has met broadband met the requirements of WAC 480-123-120(5) as 25/3 Mbps (or faster) broadband is available to 100% of locations within our study area.

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

Signed at St. John, Washington this 28th day of June, 2024.


Vice President of Operations