

REPORT OF WESTERN WAHAKIYAKUM COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE  
 WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM  
 IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130  
 (as in effect on December 31, 2019)

July 1, 2020

Docket No. UT-190639

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2019	December 31, 2019
Residential	_____ 866 _____	_____ 884 _____
Business	_____ 192 _____	_____ 192 _____

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2019 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 investment by the Company in telecommunications facilities and 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 2019, the Company received \$369,308.00 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

The Company's activities during the first six months of 2020 have included the following:

1. Construction including deployment of approximately 3,012 feet of fiber optic cable on Big Hill Road in the Naselle Exchange, at an estimated cost of \$19,200. This work serves an estimated population of 11.
2. Construction deploying approximately 1,200 feet of fiber optic cable on SR 401 in the Naselle Exchange, along with a rework of existing fiber optic facilities, at an estimated cost of \$18,850. This work serves an estimated population of 9.

3. Construction deploying approximately 700 feet of fiber optic cable, and also requiring boring, on Hull Creek Road in the Grays River area, at an estimated cost of \$16,200. This project serves an estimated population of 2.
4. Purchase and deployment of Calix essential support for Calix electronic equipment (routing and transmission equipment, optical network terminals (ONTs) and equipment housings) to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This support serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345.<sup>1</sup> The cost of this support was \$7,595.
5. Purchase and deployment of Ribbon/Genband essential support for C-15 central office soft switch and APMAX equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This support serves both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's Service area of 2,345. The cost of this support was \$24,657.
6. Purchase from Ribbon/Genband of 200 additional ONT ethernet gateway licenses, integral to our switching. Payments to Ribbon/Genband for these licenses came to \$5,589.62.
7. Repayment of principal, and payment of interest, with respect to Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loans for construction of fiber to the home and related network and switching improvements. The RUS financing to which these payments pertain supports service to both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345 by facilitating the investment in such construction and switching improvements. Payment to RUS made in this period total \$125,160.00.

The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those activities including, without limitation and to the extent applicable, the repayment of loan funds.

The Company's plans for the second six months of 2020 include the payment for previously deployed new fiber optic cable, as well as fiber optic cable to serve several new homes sites, and support for electronic equipment, such as listed below:

1. Purchase and deployment of Fujitsu essential support for Fujitsu electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This support will serve both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payment to Fujitsu for this support is expected to be approximately \$14,000.

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<sup>1</sup> The support described in this item relates, in part, to equipment of the described nature that was purchased by the Company from Calix in October 2019 at a cost of approximately \$105,017.

2. Purchase and deployment of Tellabs essential support for Tellabs electronic equipment to improve/maintain quality and reliability of the Company's network. This support will serve both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and will provide benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345. Payment to Tellabs for this support is expected to be approximately \$9,000.
  3. Repayment of principal, and payment of interest, with respect to RUS loans for construction of fiber to the home and related network and switching improvements. The RUS financing to which these payments pertain supports service to both the Grays River and Naselle Exchanges and provides benefits to an estimated population in the Company's service area of 2,345 by facilitating the investment in such construction and switching improvements. It is estimated that such payments to be made in this period will be approximately \$125,000.
3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) - 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.

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2020 under Docket UT-200002.

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

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. We have reduced our staffing by one full time employee. 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.

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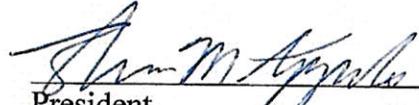
6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) and (h) - Other information

N/A

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

I, Steven M. Appelo, am an officer of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company 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.

Signed at Olympia, Washington this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
President