

REPORT OF LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A TDS TELECOM
 UNDER THE
 WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
 IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2021

Docket No. UT-200690

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020
Residential	3,735	3,800
Business	396	386

Broadband Connections

	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020
Residential	3,467	3,618
Business	138	149

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2020 contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. These funds are also contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications services and the expansion of faster broadband service available to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2020, the Company received \$216,846 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

During the first six months of 2021 the Company worked on major projects as follows: 1) FTTH Riverside apartments (\$73,000); 2) FTTH Riverside Estates (\$45,000); 3) Kays Subdivision (\$50,000); 4) FTTH Highland Terrace, LaCenter (\$120,000); 5) other routine drops, line extensions and smaller investments in various subdivisions (\$85,000) and 5) Technician Test Kit (\$9,400). The Company also has (\$39,000) of projects open for vectoring and bonding that will increase broadband speeds. In addition, the Company has budgeted (\$168,000) for A-CAM improvements for 2021. The funds received from the

universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects plus cover normal operating expenses. The Company opens all major projects that are budgeted early in the year thus those described above will continue throughout 2021 in addition to routine maintenance, cable additions and other projects that will be done as needed. Details for 2020 expenditures are included in Report 1 of the annual ETC filing submitted on or around July 1.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) – Use of Support for Broadband Services

The investments described improve the multi-use network for both voice and broadband services. See also Attachment 1 for non-ACAM specific location data for locations that were upgraded to 25/3 or faster during 2020. Prior to 2020 these locations either had a speed less than 25/3 or were not able to get TDS broadband service). FCC Speed Tier Decoder:

Speed Tier 3 = 10/1
Speed Tier 4 = 25/3
Speed Tier 5 = 25/5
Speed Tier 6 = 100/20
Speed Tier 7 = 100/25

4. 4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

None – See also ETC filing Report 4 submitted on or around July 1.

* Service requests that are ongoing, but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) – Broadband Availability as Required by the Commission

N/A – No other information has been required.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) – Operational Efficiencies and Business Plan Modifications

The Company is part of a major holding company which results in efficiencies and economies of scale that are not available to most Rural LECs and there are on-going efforts to find more ways to cut costs while improving broadband service and continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications services. 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 11, 2021 under Docket UT-210002.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Other Information on other projects

None – see discussion above and in the annual ETC Filing made on or around July 1.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) - Other Information Required by the Commission

N/A - None

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

I, Joel Dohmeier, am an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company (the “Company”), and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the 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. 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).

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Signed at Madison, Wisconsin, this ___ day of June, 2021.

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Vice President