# REPORT OF WESTGATE COMMUNICATIONS LLC UNDER THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

# July 1, 2021

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

	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020
Residential	47	49
Business	41	35

- a. Westgate currently has no service locations passed that have backhaul speeds to the public IP network greater or equal to 25/3 Mbps.
- b. Westgate currently has 90 locations passed that have local network speeds greater or equal to 25/3 Mbps. However, due to backhaul limitations, these locations broadband speeds are lower than 25/3 Mbps.

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

The company has built out to 0 locations as of 7/6/2021 that meet USAC build out requirements. The company will have built to 90 locations by the spring of 2022 upon provisioning the new earth station that has been constructed.

The funds received by the Westgate Communications LLC (dba "WeavTel", "Company") from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2020 represent revenues 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 2020, the Company received \$129,383 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

During the first six months of 2021, the Company undertook and continued three major construction projects. The first project consists of building two new KU Band satellite antennas of which one will be located in Stehekin, Washington ("Stehekin") and one in Holden Village, Washington ("Holden Village"). This project will allow Westgate to improve its data capacity from 12/3 Mbps to 25/3 Mbps. One of the KU Band Satellite antennas has been completed in Stehekin. Radiation studies have been conducted at both sites for licensing of the two new Earth Stations. Engineering and design have also been completed and approved for both Earth Stations. New satellite service contracts for transponder space were also signed and approved in July 2020. Additionally, a new Long-Term Evolution ("LTE") radio site has been engineered and designed. A lease agreement for this LTE site has been signed by lessor and lessee. The tower and solar power plant along with all construction equipment and supplies have been lifted by helicopter to the construction site on the mountain top in Stehekin. Westgate continues to increase its customer base and forecasts this trend will continue for the remainder of 2021. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform the projects listed above, including, without limitation, the repayment of RUS loan funds. In the second half of 2021 the Company plans to finish provisioning the earth station in Stehekin and complete construction of the tower and solar power plant on the bluff overlooking Stehekin. WeavTel will continue to perform installations for new customers that meet the federally mandated 25/3 Mbps speed requirements for broadband service.

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)(d) Westgate Communications LLC had no unfilled consumer requests.
- 5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g&i) FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2021 in accordance with Docket UTC-210002.

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. WeavTel 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 Company's service area. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) and (k) - Other information

N/A.

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

I, Richard J. Weaver, am an officer of Westgate Communications LLC (d/b/a "WeavTel", the "Company"), and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Westgate Communications LLC d/b/a "WeavTel" materially complied with Commission rules under WAC 480-120-130(1)(f) that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support. Westgate continues to meet the requirements of WAC 480-123-120(s).

Signed at 51 Varney Lane Stehekin, Washington this 9th day of August 2021.

Richard Deaver

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