

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

July 1, 2024

Docket No. UT-230610

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	182	133
Business	165	177

Broadband Connections Served

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	996	1,093
Business	37	42

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program for fiscal year-ended 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 \$137,780 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

During the program year 2023-2024, the Company acquired furniture for approximately \$10,300, purchased other work equipment tools such as directional drill equipment to install underground fiber optic conduit, a fiber optic fusion splicer, fiber optic test gear for customer installation and other miscellaneous tools and parts for approximately \$41,100, updated structure to add office space for additional staffing and dry material storage within building for approximately \$65,300, installed wall mounted heating/air conditioner for climate control for approximately \$15,300, acquired conference room camera and projector equipment for staff and zoom meetings for approximately \$7,200, purchased new central office batteries for emergency power backup with an eight hour run time during a commercial power failure for approximately \$15,500, installed optical network devices for fiber connections at customers resident costing approximately \$75,000, upgraded core router in central office to aggregate broadband connections and to accommodate bandwidth usage to the internet for approximately \$217,300 and continued expansion of fiber-to-the-home projects installing conduit, fiber optic cables and drops at a cost of approximately \$392,700. Also, the Company had plant under construction for approximately \$175,100 that remained open at fiscal yearend with primary projects in progress related to installing passive optical network (PON) cabinets, business and residential fiber connections and drops plus constructing new building for inventory warehouse. 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 being made 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) – Broadband Data Collection

The 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

In several areas, the Company has constructed fiber-to-the-premises. 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, Richard Buechel, am an officer of Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. 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. The Company has met the requirements of WAC 480-123-120 (5) and 25/3 Mbps broadband is available throughout its service area.

Signed at Union, Washington this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
President