



August 1, 2016

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Petition to Receive Support from the Universal Communications  
Services Program Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and 480-123-110

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110, Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company d/b/a Wahkiakum West Telephone ("Company") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the Universal Communications Services Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110 accompany this letter and are being filed both on paper and electronically via the Commission's web portal. The electronic filing consists of copies (in .pdf format) of the paper filing. In addition, a copy (in .doc format) of this letter and copies (in .xlsx format) of the Financial Template and two supplemental files from which the unredacted version of Exhibit 4 was generated are also being included in the electronic filing.

Please note that portions of the information in the Petition and accompanying exhibits, including the above-mentioned electronic version (in .xlsx format) of one of the supplemental files from which a portion Exhibit 4 was generated, are being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, in that certain of the information contained therein constitutes valuable and confidential financial information. In addition to the Company, its parent company, Wahkiakum West, Inc. and the Company's affiliates, Wahkiakum West Long Distance, Inc. and Wahkiakum West Television, Inc., might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information. Both confidential (unredacted) and redacted versions of the petition and its exhibits accompany this letter. In the filing being made on paper, the original of the confidential (unredacted) version is included in a separate envelope marked "Confidential

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per WAC 480-07-160", and an original of the redacted version is also included,

albeit not enclosed in a separate envelope. Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, in the paper version of this filing, only the original of the confidential (unredacted) version of the petition and exhibits is being provided, notwithstanding WAC 480-07-160(3)(c)(iii).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Appelo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steven" and last name "Appelo" being the most prominent parts.

Steven M. Appelo  
President

Accompanying documents