Docket No. UT-230532
CenturyLink Communications, LLC dba Lumen Technologies Group's
Response to Request for Supplemental Information

*Requested Revisions (Supplement filing necessary **before August 25, 2023**) :*

1. Certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier as required by WAC 480-123-060(1), 480-123-070(5), 480-123-070(6), and 480-123-070(7).
   - LUMEN provided a certification that did not include the *advertising certification, including advertisement on Indian reservations.* the as required by WAC 480-123-070(7). This provision requires the company to certify that it has publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs, such as Lifeline, in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service, including residents of federally recognized Indian reservations within the ETC's designated service area. Such publicity should include advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the ETC within its designated service area.
   - **Please resubmit the appropriate document in order to include the missing certification (ie. include <u>all</u> four certifications required for LUMEN) with updated signature and date.**

   RESPONSE: See attached revised Exhibit A (Certification) for the additional certification (certification 4) as requested.

Questions related to equity (informational) – please answer the following questions for all six affiliates in Washington state that have been designated as ETCs (if the answers are different for any one ETC then please provide the answer separately for each ETC separately – however, if the answers are all the same and aggregated for all six affiliates in Washington state please so indicate in your response(s) :

2. RDOF question:
   - The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), In collaboration with the Washington State Broadband Office (WSBO) is requesting that LUMEN provide information showing the specific census blocks that LUMEN will deploy broadband to meet its interim 40% broadband buildout obligation associated with RDOF support.
     a. Does LUMEN believe it will be able to deploy to 40% (or more) of its obligation by the December 31, 2025, timeline?

   RESPONSE: Lumen anticipates meeting the FCC's first RDOF milestone by December 31, 2025. If anything changes, Lumen will alert the UTC and WSBO. In response to the question above, Lumen has yet to finalize the specific census block groups in which it will deploy broadband to meet its interim 40% broadband buildout obligation.

      b. To your knowledge, are there any areas in your study area that the company will not be deploying broadband?

RESPONSE: As you may know, the RDOF program awarded funding on a census block group-basis, not by study area. Lumen is currently planning its RDOF deployment in Washington state across all census block groups in which it received RDOF funding. There are higher than anticipated costs associated with RDOF buildout in Washington due to factors including inflationary pressures impacting prices of materials and labor. Accordingly, Lumen leadership requested a review of the RDOF build plan; that review is ongoing and is expected to be completed by end of 2023.

      c. What last mile technology will be deployed?

RESPONSE: Fiber to the premise.

      d. What is your planned 2024 capital expenditures to continue or start putting the infrastructure in place to meet your 2025 and subsequent broadband buildout obligation?

RESPONSE: Lumen has not finalized 2024 capital expenditures.

3. Does your company currently have a tribal outreach plan in place for services and equipment located on or provided to tribals lands of Washington state?

   RESPONSE: Yes, Lumen utilizes various forms of communication including the website, social media, newspaper advertising, as well as direct communication with the tribes.

4. Does your company currently have a tribal liaison? If so, please share for information purposes only.

   RESPONSE: Lumen and the tribes communicate through various Lumen departments including Public Policy and the Local Network Operations team.