

REPORT OF KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2024

Docket No. UT-230618

1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served and Broadband Connections¹

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	<u>1332</u>	<u>1233</u>
Business	<u>418</u>	<u>410</u>
Broadband	<u>1611</u>	<u>1608</u>

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

In December 2023, the Company received \$245,324 from the universal communications services program (“Program”) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The funds from the Program have contributed, and are contributing, to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. In addition, the funds from the Program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications and, together with its affiliate, provision of broadband services to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

The Company, in 2021, met the buildout requirements set for it by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) as contemplated by WAC 480-123-110(j),² the Company continues to construct substantial broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory. In 2023, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 222 locations. During the first six months of 2024, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to no locations. In the second half of 2024, the Company plans to continue building fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 575 locations.

¹ Broadband connections include connections provided by the Company and/or its affiliate offering broadband service within the Company’s service area.

² See Paragraph 17 of the Commission’s General Order R-598, dated May 27, 2021, in Docket UT-190437, and Paragraph 14 of Order 01, dated November 24, 2021, in Docket UT-200708. The Company’s aggregate, four-year buildout requirement, including both Federal and state requirements, for is 434 locations.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) - Broadband Buildout Requirements

An Excel workbook in the same format as required by the Universal Service Administrative Company HUBB portal containing the broadband buildout specific locations added in 2023 is included with this filing.

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)(e) and (f) - Certifications

Certifications are below.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) - Broadband Availability Data

The Commission ordered in Docket UT-190437 that Program recipients provide their Digital Opportunity Data Collection information no later than 14 days after this information is due to the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity. The Company intends to provide the data filed in the Digital Opportunity Data Collection to the Commission within 14 days after the information is due to the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity. On February 27, 2024, the Company filed in Docket UT-240058, the Digital Opportunity Data Collection information for the period ending December 31, 2023. The Company will file in Docket UT-240058, the Digital Opportunity Data Collection information for the period ending June 30, 2024, in a timely manner after filing with the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity.

7. 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.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(i) - FCC Form 477

The December 31, 2023, data previously contained in the FCC Form 477, but now contained in the Broadband Data Collection, was previously filed on February 27, 2024, under Docket UT-240062. For the June 30, 2024, data previously contained in the FCC Form 477, but now contained in the Broadband Data Collection, the company intends to file this data in Docket UT-240062 within 14 calendar days after filing with the Federal Communication Commission or its designated entity.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Efforts to Advance Universal Service and the Public Interest

The Company provides telecommunications service to 100 % of the locations that have requested service and stands ready to meet any new requests for service. The Company, together with its affiliate, continues to expand the availability of high-speed broadband Internet access even though it has already met buildout requirements for that service established by the Federal Communications Commission and the Commission. This continued expansion is almost all fiber optic based. For locations served by fiber optic facilities, the Company currently offers speeds up to one gigabit per second (Gbps) download and two hundred (200) mbps upload.

10. WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) - Other information or reports

None requested.

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

I, Steven D. Hanson, am an officer of Kalama Telephone Company and, in that capacity, hereby certify that during the preceding year Kalama Telephone Company (“Company”) (i) materially complied with all Commission rules in 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 and (ii) has met its broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Tenino, Washington this 25th day of June, 2024.



Steven D. Hanson
President