

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

July 1, 2021

Docket No. UT-200708

File electronically

1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops] and Broadband Connections¹

	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020
Residential	<u>1659</u>	<u>1535</u>
Business	<u>534</u>	<u>510</u>
Broadband	<u>1507</u>	<u>1567</u>

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

In December 2020, the Company received \$307,444 from the universal communications services program (“Program”) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. 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 is in the process of building fiber optic-based broadband in order to meet the buildout requirements set for it by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) as contemplated by WAC 480-123-110(j).² In 2020, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 71 locations. During the first six months of 2021, the Company built fiber optic-based broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 48 locations. In the second half of 2021, the Company plans to build fiber optic-based

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, 2020, in Docket UT-190437, and Paragraph 14 of Order 01, dated November 24, 2020, in Docket UT-200708. The Company’s aggregate, four-year buildout requirement, including both Federal and state requirements, for is 434 locations.

broadband infrastructure that is capable of exceeding twenty-five (25) mbps download and three (3) mbps upload to 278 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 2020 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

No additional data has been requested by the Commission.

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

This form was previously filed on or about February 9, 2021, under Docket UT-210002.

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 in its service area that have requested service and stands ready to meet any new requests for such service. The Company, together with its affiliate, continues to expand the availability of high-speed broadband Internet access in order to meet by 2024 buildout requirements 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 and/or its affiliate currently offer speeds up two hundred (200) mbps download and fifty (50) mbps upload. The Company and/or its affiliate is currently planning to implement a gigabyte service offering for locations served by fiber optic facilities.

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) was committed to meeting its broadband buildout obligation by the end of the 2024 fiscal year.

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 29th day of June, 2021.



Steven D. Hanson
President