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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PETITION OF THE TOLEDO TELEPHONE
CO., INC. TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM
THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO. 230581
PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2024.

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I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100

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1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC 22 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.

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2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h) or has been designated as an incumbent local exchange carrier by the Federal Communications Commission.

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- 1 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange
2 telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 3 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company has established a plan, as described in WAC
4 480123-110, to provide, maintain or enhance broadband service (See II.4, below).
- 5 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an
6 eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving federal universal
7 services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for High
8 Cost Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking Program
9 support.

10 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 11 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications services
12 and is seeking Program support is as follows: The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.
- 13 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
14 the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. ¹
15 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in
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- 18 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.
19 20 of the Company's Tariff WN U-1.
- 20 4. Detailed transactions between the provider and affiliates is attached as Exhibit 2
- 21 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
22 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

- 23 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
24 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
25 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 26 7. The company has two affilliates, Toldeo Telentet that is the affiliate that conducts internet
27 access (middle mile) and internet service. And Toledo Telenet Long Distance that conducts
28 billing for long distance customers.
- 29 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
30 the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 78. The number of residential local exchange
31 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 92. The number of
32 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was
33 34. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of
34 December 31, 2021, was 39. The number of broadband connections served by the Company
35 as of December 31, 2021, was 1654. 100% of serviceable broadband connections within the
36 exchange are fiber optic and are capable of 1gigabit speed. The number of broadband
37 connections served by the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 1762. 100% of serviceable
38 broadband connections within the exchange are fiber optic and are capable of 1gigabit speed.
39 The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange
40 access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18. The unbundled monthly recurring rate
41 charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31,
42 2022, was \$18. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business
43 local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18. The

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46 unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local exchange
47 access service on December 31, 2021, was \$18 The unbundled monthly rate charged for
48 broadband service as of December 31, 2022, was \$18. Broadband rates are include in
49 Exhibit 5.

50 9. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.

51 10. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
52 Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for
53 deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission
54 applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility criteria set out
55 in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.

56 11. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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59 CERTIFICATION

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61 I Dale Merten, an officer of the Company, and in that capacity, herby certify that the
62 Company (The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.) has not knowingly withheld any information
63 required to be provided to the commission pursuant to the rules governing the program. The
64 provider must file this certification with its petition.

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

67 Signed at Toledo Washington the 10th day of October 2023.

68 Respectfully submitted.

69 Dale Merten VP/COO

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