

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

July 1, 2021

Docket No. 200677

File electronically

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

	<u>January 1, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
Residential	1,619	1,405
Business	439	294

WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) – Broadband Subscribers*

	<u>January 1, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
Voice/Data	1,508	1,313
Data Only	454	939

*Subscribers taking speeds greater than or equal to 25/3 Mbps

	<u>January 1, 2020</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
Voice/Data	205	235
Data Only	128	381

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2020 represent monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process and the reduction of support under the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s) Connect America Fund InterCarrier Compensation Fund (CAF ICC) program. As such, the funds from the universal communications services program contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal communication services program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2020, the Company received \$503,665 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

During the first six months of 2021, the Company continues to construct fiber-to-the-premise (“FTTP”) in its Uniontown exchange. The Company started with the Town of Colton. Although COVID slowed progress, the Town of Colton has been completed and customers are being transitioned to FTTP. As of May 31, 2021, there were 196 locations within Colton and 116 locations within Uniontown that are capable of receiving service speeds greater than or equal to 25/3 Mbps; 93 subscribers in Colton and 37 subscribers in Uniontown. As of May 31, 2021, the Company has added a total of 469 locations during the fiscal year of the program; 445 that are capable of receiving service speeds greater than or equal to 25/3 Mbps of which 337 are ACAM supported. Attached to this filing is a spreadsheet (210531 2021 FY ADDED LOCATIONS.xlsx) containing the added locations, including ACAM Funded Locations, as of May 31, 2021.

Since the Company did not borrow any funds for this project, the funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform this project, including, without limitation, the repayment of loan funds for prior construction. In the second half of 2021, the Company plans on completing the Uniontown exchange and then working on upgrading its Prescott and Dewatto exchanges with facilities that will provide a more robust broadband solution for our subscribers. The Company has already purchased and installed an Adtran TA5000 in Prescott; racked and ready for construction and implementation.

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

Attached to this filing is a spreadsheet (201231 WA SERVICEABLE LOCATIONS.xlsx) containing deployment information, including ACAM Funded locations, as of December 31, 2020. The Company had 3,680 total locations where service can be provided; 2,424 locations that are capable of speeds greater than or equal to 25/3 Mbps; 1,134 locations that are ACAM supported.

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)(g) and (i) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about January 28, 2021 under Docket UT-210002.

6. 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.

The Company has not modified its business plan from the previous year's submission. The Company had originally believed that the increased deployment of VDSL carrier cabinets (shortening loop lengths) could satisfy regulatory requirements as well as consumer wants. As described in paragraph 2, the Company is installing more fiber-to-the-premise as well as VDSL to satisfy regulatory requirements and consumers wants and needs.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) and (k) - Other information

N/A

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

I, James K. Brooks, am an officer of Inland Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Inland Telephone Company materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the areas for which the Company received universal communications services program support. In addition, I certify that the Company has committed to deploy broadband to at least those locations comprising the broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission per WAC 480-123-120(5).

Signed at Roslyn, Washington this 27th day of August, 2021.


James K. Brooks
Treasurer/Controller