

WT-09-1191-C



HoodCanal
COMMUNICATIONS

Cable TV - Voice - Broadband - Cellular

July 24, 2009

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RECEIVED
RECORDS MANAGEMENT
2009 JUL 28 AM 8:06
STATE OF WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

Re: Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060 and
47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds.

The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed.

For the Commission's information, in addition to the Lifeline advertisement covered in the enclosed certification, the Company runs an advertisement on our local television channel continuously, posts Lifeline/WTAP information in both the Union and Shelton offices, distributes Lifeline/WTAP information flyers when door tagging new customers, and posts Tribal Lifeline information at the tribal center and in tribal newsletters. Also, the Company experienced no major outages for 2008 and had no requests for service from applicants within the Company's designated service area that was unfilled for the calendar year 2008.

Sincerely,

Richard Buechel
President

Enclosures

**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
PURSUANT TO WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

I, Richard Buechel, being of lawful age, state that I am President of Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

- (1) That the Company will use federal high-cost universal service fund support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;
- (2) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company maintained the ability to function in emergency situations under the standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standard relates to functionality of wireline carriers in emergency situations; and
- (4) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service and in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

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

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2009, at Union, Washington.

Company: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

By: Richard Buechel
Richard Buechel

Its: President

**REPORTS AS REFERENCED IN WAC 480-123-070
AND WAC 480-123-080**

Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.¹

Report 1: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached are copies of the Company's NECA-1 Reports for the calendar years 2007 and 2008, that, as of the date of the report, the Company has reported as the basis for support from the federal high-cost fund.

Report 2: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investments and expenses reported under Report 1, above, benefited customers as follows:

Through the expenditure of these funds, the Company was able to continue to provide services at a level that the Company believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C. §254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.² The Company has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. Those expenditures and investments, including those reflected in Report 1 above; generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from the Company within its designated ETC service area. The Company has expanded its network over the past several years so that it is capable of providing access to broadband services throughout the Company's designated ETC service area. The Company offers services that are comparable to services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.

Report 3: WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that during the calendar year 2008, the Company did not receive from either the Federal Communications Commission or the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Washington any complaints against the Company made by the Company's customers.

Report 4: WAC 480-123-080(1)(b): The Company reports as follows:

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support are expected to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2008, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of

¹ It is the Company's understanding that it is not required to submit the reports described in WAC 480-123-070(2) and (3).

² The term "ETC" is used in the same sense as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

labor and materials. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. The Company's investment plans directly affecting federal high-cost supported services offered by it in its designated ETC service area do not include a major construction project at the present time. The Company expects that it will have a lower level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2008 (2009 approximate investment of \$180,000 versus 2008 of \$335,000).

Report 5: WAC 480-123-080(2): The Company reports as follows:

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support are expected to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2008, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. The Company's investment plans directly affecting federal high-cost supported services offered by it in its designated ETC service area do not include a major construction project at the present time. The Company has not completed its budgeting process and does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2010. The Company expects that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will allow the Company to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. All customers in the Company's designated ETC service area will benefit from the expected level of support by continuing to have available to them services that are comparable to the telecommunications services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.



USF1010 PENDING VIEW REPORT

7/23/2009
11:41:42 am
Page 1 of 2

Applies to Period:	Year End 12/2008	Reg: 6	WESTERN	Subset 3
Contact Name:	Jennifer Goos	MSM: 020007494	Melody Crane	
Contact Phone:	(360)-898-5366 Ext:	OO: *****		
Release Status:	Released	Co: 000002419	Hood Canal Tel. Co.	
Soft Edit Status:	Failed Edit	SAR: 522419	HOOD CANAL TEL CO	

Description	Pending View	Source
060 Total Loops	1,381	EC
070 Cat. 1.3 Loops	1,377	EC
160 Account 2001	6,622,561	EC
170 Account 1220	22,507	EC
190 Account 3100	5,460,509	EC
195 Account 3400	0	EC
210 Account 4340	-15,090	EC
220 Net Plant Investment	1,199,649	EC
230 Account 2210	1,362,982	EC
235 Account 2220	0	EC
240 Account 2230	1,206,316	EC
245 Total Central Office	2,569,298	EC
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	695,726	EC
255 Account 2410	2,747,087	EC
260 Account 3100 (2210)	1,181,921	EC
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0	EC
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,046,066	EC
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	2,227,987	EC
280 Account 3100 (2410)	2,194,243	EC
310 Account 4340 (2210)	-1,987	EC
315 Account 4340 (2220)	0	EC
320 Account 4340 (2230)	-13,132	EC
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	-15,119	EC
330 Account 4340 (2410)	16,275	EC
335 Account 6110 Total	10,313	EC
340 Account 6110 Benefits	5,762	EC
345 Account 6110 Rents	0	EC
350 Account 6120 Total	122,482	EC
355 Account 6120 Benefits	7,016	EC
360 Account 6120 Rents	38,826	EC
365 Account 6210 Total	259,899	EC
370 Account 6210 Benefits	43,814	EC
375 Account 6210 Rents	0	EC
380 Account 6220 Total	0	EC
385 Account 6220 Benefits	0	EC
390 Account 6220 Rents	0	EC
395 Account 6230 Total	30,122	EC
400 Account 6230 Benefits	4,346	EC
405 Account 6230 Rents	0	EC
410 Account 6210-6230	290,021	EC
430 Account 6410 Total	210,058	EC
435 Account 6410 Benefits	36,877	EC
440 Account 6410 Rents	0	EC
445 Total Plant Specific	632,874	EC
450 Account 6530 Total	69,789	EC
455 Account 6530 Benefits	17,799	EC
510 Account 6560 (2210)	97,538	EC
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0	EC
520 Account 6560 (2230)	114,516	EC



USF1010 PENDING VIEW REPORT

7/23/2009
11:41:42 am
Page 2 of 2

Applies to Period:	Year End 12/2008	Reg: 6	WESTERN	Subset 3
Contact Name:	Jennifer Goos	MSM: 020007494	Melody Crane	
Contact Phone:	(360)-898-5366 Ext:	OO: *****		
Release Status:	Released	Co: 000002419	Hood Canal Tel. Co.	
Soft Edit Status:	Failed Edit	SAR: 522419	HOOD CANAL TEL CO	

Description	Pending View	Source
525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)	212,054	EC
530 Account 6560 (2410)	166,469	EC
535 Account 6710 Total	180,397	EC
540 Account 6710 Benefits	42,529	EC
550 Account 6720 Total	266,973	EC
555 Account 6720 Benefits	22,998	EC
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	447,370	EC
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	280,453	EC
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	38,826	EC
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	17,293	EC
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	2,738,314	EC
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	2,349,279	EC
800 Account 2680 Total	0	EC
805 Account 2680 (2230)	0	EC
810 Account 2680 (Cat. 4.13)	0	EC
815 Acc 2680 (2410) Total CWF	0	EC
820 Acc 2680 (2410)CWF-Cat1	0	EC
830 Account 6560 (2680)	0	EC

Comments:

Date: 7/22/2009

- Line 310 & 320 - Deferred federal income taxes is calculated as a debit amount between tax and booked depreciation



USF1010 OFFICIAL VIEW REPORT

6/25/2009
3:45:03 pm
Page 1 of 2

Applies to Period: Year End 12/2007
Contact Name: Jennifer Goos
Contact Phone: (360)-898-5366 Ext:
Release Status: Released
Soft Edit Status: Passed Edit

Reg: 6
MSM: 020007494
OO: *****
Co: 000002419
SAR: 522419

WESTERN
Melody Crane
Hood Canal Tel. Co.
HOOD CANAL TEL CO

Subset 3

Description	Official View
060 Total Loops	1,457
070 Cat. 1.3 Loops	1,453
160 Account 2001	6,362,223
170 Account 1220	20,853
190 Account 3100	5,204,847
195 Account 3400	0
210 Account 4340	21,488
220 Net Plant Investment	1,156,741
230 Account 2210	1,068,267
235 Account 2220	0
240 Account 2230	1,168,180
245 Total Central Office	2,236,447
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	659,398
255 Account 2410	2,729,541
260 Account 3100 (2210)	997,962
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,091,298
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	2,089,260
280 Account 3100 (2410)	2,029,109
310 Account 4340 (2210)	8,326
315 Account 4340 (2220)	0
320 Account 4340 (2230)	2,462
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	10,788
330 Account 4340 (2410)	28,885
335 Account 6110 Total	16,648
340 Account 6110 Benefits	6,752
345 Account 6110 Rents	0
350 Account 6120 Total	132,436
355 Account 6120 Benefits	6,893
360 Account 6120 Rents	43,676
365 Account 6210 Total	244,823
370 Account 6210 Benefits	38,069
375 Account 6210 Rents	0
380 Account 6220 Total	0
385 Account 6220 Benefits	0
390 Account 6220 Rents	0
395 Account 6230 Total	53,687
400 Account 6230 Benefits	6,419
405 Account 6230 Rents	0
410 Account 6210-6230	298,510
430 Account 6410 Total	236,088
435 Account 6410 Benefits	34,874
440 Account 6410 Rents	0
445 Total Plant Specific	683,682
450 Account 6530 Total	64,483
455 Account 6530 Benefits	16,303
510 Account 6560 (2210)	105,916
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0
520 Account 6560 (2230)	108,665



USF1010 OFFICIAL VIEW REPORT

6/25/2009
3:45:03 pm
Page 2 of 2

Applies to Period: Year End 12/2007
Contact Name: Jennifer Goos
Contact Phone: (360)-898-5366 Ext:
Release Status: Released
Soft Edit Status: Passed Edit

Reg: 6
MSM: 020007494
OO: *****
Co: 000002419
SAR: 522419

WESTERN
Melody Crane
Hood Canal Tel. Co.
HOOD CANAL TEL CO

Subset 3

Description	Official View
525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)	214,581
530 Account 6560 (2410)	143,338
535 Account 6710 Total	186,413
540 Account 6710 Benefits	36,680
550 Account 6720 Total	261,034
555 Account 6720 Benefits	22,998
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	447,447
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	250,744
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	43,676
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	21,322
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	2,609,596
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	2,207,323
800 Account 2680 Total	0
805 Account 2680 (2230)	0
810 Account 2680 (Cat. 4.13)	0
815 Acc 2680 (2410) Total CWF	0
820 Acc 2680 (2410)CWF-Cat1	0
830 Account 6560 (2680)	0

Comments: