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July 30, 2010

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BY HAND

Mr. David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Mr. Danner:

Re: 2010 ETC Certification -

Request for Certification Pursuant to

WAC 480-123-060 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company 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.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Appelo Corporate Secretary

Enclosures

CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070

- I, Steven M. Appelo, being of lawful age, state that I am Corporate Secretary of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute these Certifications on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in these Certifications 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 the 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 2009 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2009 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 2009 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 ^{30th} day of July, 2010 at Olympia, Washington.

Company: Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

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Its: Corporate Secretary

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

Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

Report 1: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report² for the calendar year 2009, that, as of the date of the report, the Company has reported as the basis for support from the federal high-cost fund. In addition, attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report for the calendar year 2008.

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 high quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.³ The Company has made substantial expenditures and 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. Also, during 2009, the Company was engaged in the following major construction projects:

(1) Construction of new, buried fiber optic routes along the length of North Valley Road, Upper Naselle Road and Bighill Road, for a distance of approximately 8 miles. The cost incurred by the Company in 2009 to complete this project was approximately \$530,000. This project will enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 161 customers, as well as provide backbone capacity to serve other portions of the Company's designated ETC service area.

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). Nevertheless, the Company reports that during 2009, the Company had no major service outages, within the meaning of that term as defined in WAC 480-120-021, and that as of December 31, 2009, the Company had no unfulfilled requests for service from applicants within the Company's designated ETC service areas.

² The Company understands the reference to the "NECA-1 Report" to refer to the values reported by the Company in response to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Universal Service Data Collection Form or its on-line equivalent pertaining to the subject year.

The term "ETC" is used herein with the same meaning as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

⁴ References herein to services supported by the federal high-cost fund refer to the services designated for support as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a).

- (2) Construction of a new, buried fiber optic route along Miller Point Road in the Company's Grays River Exchange, for a distance of approximately 3.1 miles. The cost incurred by the Company in 2009 to complete this project was approximately \$87,000. This project will enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 27 customers along its route.
- (3) Construction of a new, buried fiber optic route along Hungry Highway and along a portion of Salmon Creek Road, for a distance of approximately 4.4 miles. The cost incurred by the Company in 2009 to complete this project was approximately \$166,000. The project will enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 33 customers along its route.
- (4) Completion of a central office upgrade with the addition of Telabs MSAP (multiservice access platform) to facilitate traffic management. This project benefits all customers in the Company's designated ETC service area. The cost incurred by the Company in 2009 to complete this upgrade was approximately \$47,000.

Report 3: WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that during the calendar year 2009, 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 to them by the Company's customers.

Report 4: WAC 480-123-080(1)(b) and (2): The Company reports as follows:

The planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for calendar year 2010 that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support were planned to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information for calendar year 2009 filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. However, investment levels benefiting federal high-cost fund supported services are now expected to be higher during 2010 than in 2009.

In addition, the following projects have either been completed during 2010 or are in progress and are expected to be completed during 2010:

(1) Construction of new, buried fiber optic routes along Parpala Road in the Company's Naselle Exchange, for a distance of approximately 7.4 miles. The cost incurred or expected to be incurred in 2010 as the Company completes this project is estimated to be approximately \$402,000. This project will enhance

service reliability and capacity for approximately 64 customers along its route.

- (2) Construction of new, buried fiber optic routes along the upper end of Salmon Creek Road in the Company's Naselle Exchange, for a distance of approximately 6.7 miles. The cost incurred or expected to be incurred in 2010 as the Company completes this project is estimated to be approximately \$307,000. This project will enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 36 customers along its route.
- (3) Construction of new, buried fiber optic routes along State Route 4 from Salmon Creek Road to Crusher Lane in the Company's Naselle Exchange, for a distance of approximately 4 miles. The cost incurred or expected to be incurred in 2010 as the Company completes this project is estimated to be approximately \$250,000. This project will enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 73 customers along its route.

Except as described above in this Report 4, the Company expects the levels of investment and expenses incurred by it during calendar year 2010 will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2009, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials. The Company further expects that, except as described above in this Report 4, for calendar year 2010 it will have relatively the same budget level of expenditures and investment related to normal maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of plant as occurred in calendar year 2009.

In addition to the specific benefits to customers identified with respect to projects (1), (2) and (3) above, the expected benefit to customers from the anticipated investment and expenditures is that the Company's customers will continue to receive a high level of telecommunications service. The Company further expects that the continued receipt by it of federal high-cost support will allow the Company to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are reasonably 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 reasonably comparable to telecommunications services offered in urban areas at rates that are reasonably comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.

Dated: July 30, 2010



USF1010 LATEST VIEW REPORT



Applies to Period: Year End 12/2008 Reg: 6 WESTERN Subset 3
Contact Name: Carol Larson MSM: 020007494 Melody Crane

Contact Phone: (360)-465-2211 Ext: OO: *********

Release Status: Released Co: 000002451 Western Wahkiakum County Tel. Co. Soft Edit Status: Passed Edit SAR: 522451 WESTERN WAHKIAKUM

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195	Account 3400	0
210	Account 4340	519,958
220	Net Plant Investment	3,566,528
230	Account 2210	1,627,385
235	Account 2220	0
240	Account 2230	2,289,183
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255	Account 2410	6,999,072
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265	Account 3100 (2220)	0
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280	Account 3100 (2410)	4,701,058
310	Account 4340 (2210)	131,603
315	Account 4340 (2220)	0
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405	Account 6230 Rents	0
410	Account 6210-6230	178,439
430	Account 6410 Total	226,140
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440	Account 6410 Rents	739
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450	Account 6530 Total	494,097
455	Account 6530 Benefits	128,395
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