

Pioneer Telephone Co.

Local and Long Distance Service

~~~~~ Serving LaCrosse, Endicott, Winona, Hooper, Dusty and Hay ~~~~~



Telephone 509/549-3511

P.O. Box 207

LaCrosse, Washington 99143-0207

July 24, 2013

Mr. Steven King, Acting Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: 2013 ETC Certification  
WC Docket No. 10-90  
Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060 and  
47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Pioneer Telephone Company ("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, Pioneer Telephone Company posts the Lifeline/WTAP information in the LaCrosse business office, has pamphlets available for such services in the business office, lists the Lifeline/WTAP services available in the Company's phone book and provides the Lifeline/WTAP information to all new customers at the time the customer subscribes for telephone service. Also, the Company experienced no major outages for 2012 and had no request for service from applicants within the Company's designated service area that were unfilled for the calendar year 2012.

Sincerely,

Durand Cox  
President

Enclosures

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

I, Durand Cox, being of lawful age, state that I am the President of Pioneer Telephone Company ("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 all federal high-cost support provided to the Company has been used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(2) That during the 2012 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);

(3) That during the 2012 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 2012 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013, at LaCrosse, Washington.

Company: Pioneer Telephone Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Durand Cox

Its: President

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

Pioneer Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.<sup>1</sup>

Report 1: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Reports for the calendar years 2011 and 2012, that, as of the date of the reports, 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 high quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.<sup>2</sup> 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 majority of 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 rates for such services in urban areas.

Report 3: WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that during the calendar year 2012, 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.

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

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

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, 2013, through December 31, 2013, 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 2012, 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 expects that it will have a similar level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2012.

Report 5: WAC 480-123-080(1)(a) and 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, 2014, through December 31, 2014, 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 investments and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those experienced in calendar year 2012, 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 expects that it will have a similar level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2012. The Company has not completed its budgeting process and does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2014. The Company expects that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will aide the Company's efforts to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. However, the Company projects that with reductions in intercarrier compensation and associated federal support, those efforts will need to be supplemented by support from the state universal service fund for the Company to be able to continue to maintain reasonably comparable rates. All customers in the Company's designated ETC service area will benefit from the expected level of support and other factors, such as support from the state fund, continuing to aide efforts to have available to the customer 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.



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| Applies to Period: | Year End 12/2012    | Reg: 6         | WESTERN          | Subset 3 |
| Contact Name:      | Dallas Filan        | MSM: 020007494 | Melody Crane     |          |
| Contact Phone:     | (509)-549-3511 Ext: | OO: *****      |                  |          |
| Release Status:    | Released            | Co: 000002437  | Pioneer Tel. Co. |          |
| Soft Edit Status:  | Passed Edit         | SAR: 522437    | PIONEER TEL CO   |          |

| Description                  | Pending View | Source |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 060 Total Loops              | 712          | EC     |
| 070 Cat. 1.3 Loops           | 702          | EC     |
| 160 Account 2001             | 12,036,340   | EC     |
| 170 Account 1220             | 59,104       | EC     |
| 190 Account 3100             | 6,972,269    | EC     |
| 195 Account 3400             | 0            | EC     |
| 210 Account 4340             | 418,803      | EC     |
| 220 Net Plant Investment     | 4,704,372    | EC     |
| 230 Account 2210             | 474,734      | EC     |
| 235 Account 2220             | 0            | EC     |
| 240 Account 2230             | 1,675,734    | EC     |
| 245 Total Central Office     | 2,150,468    | EC     |
| 250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13       | 903,215      | EC     |
| 255 Account 2410             | 8,755,141    | EC     |
| 260 Account 3100 (2210)      | 51,353       | EC     |
| 265 Account 3100 (2220)      | 0            | EC     |
| 270 Account 3100 (2230)      | 1,583,086    | EC     |
| 275 Account 3100 (2210-2230) | 1,634,439    | EC     |
| 280 Account 3100 (2410)      | 4,358,733    | EC     |
| 310 Account 4340 (2210)      | 16,530       | EC     |
| 315 Account 4340 (2220)      | 0            | EC     |
| 320 Account 4340 (2230)      | 58,349       | EC     |
| 325 Account 4340 (2210-2230) | 74,879       | EC     |
| 330 Account 4340 (2410)      | 304,854      | EC     |
| 335 Account 6110 Total       | 1,623        | EC     |
| 340 Account 6110 Benefits    | 250          | EC     |
| 345 Account 6110 Rents       | 0            | EC     |
| 350 Account 6120 Total       | 33,565       | EC     |
| 355 Account 6120 Benefits    | 3,422        | EC     |
| 360 Account 6120 Rents       | 1,180        | EC     |
| 365 Account 6210 Total       | 59,145       | EC     |
| 370 Account 6210 Benefits    | 5,112        | 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       | 29,830       | EC     |
| 400 Account 6230 Benefits    | 648          | EC     |
| 405 Account 6230 Rents       | 0            | EC     |
| 410 Account 6210-6230        | 88,975       | EC     |
| 430 Account 6410 Total       | 211,581      | EC     |
| 435 Account 6410 Benefits    | 48,668       | EC     |
| 440 Account 6410 Rents       | 0            | EC     |
| 445 Total Plant Specific     | 335,744      | EC     |
| 450 Account 6530 Total       | 20,342       | EC     |
| 455 Account 6530 Benefits    | 0            | EC     |
| 510 Account 6560 (2210)      | 54,312       | EC     |
| 515 Account 6560 (2220)      | 0            | EC     |
| 520 Account 6560 (2230)      | 75,374       | EC     |



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| Applies to Period: | Year End 12/2012    | Reg: 6         | WESTERN          | Subset 3 |
| Contact Name:      | Dallas Filan        | MSM: 020007494 | Melody Crane     |          |
| Contact Phone:     | (509)-549-3511 Ext: | OO: *****      |                  |          |
| Release Status:    | Released            | Co: 000002437  | Pioneer Tel. Co. |          |
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| 525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)  | 129,686      | EC     |
| 530 Account 6560 (2410)       | 354,285      | EC     |
| 535 Account 6710 Total        | 71,602       | EC     |
| 540 Account 6710 Benefits     | 12,524       | EC     |
| 550 Account 6720 Total        | 257,011      | EC     |
| 555 Account 6720 Benefits     | 20,020       | EC     |
| 565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550    | 328,613      | EC     |
| 600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp. | 102,479      | EC     |
| 610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp. | 1,180        | EC     |
| 650 Account 7200 Other Taxes  | 51,906       | EC     |
| 700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV) | 8,739,261    | EC     |
| 710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)    | 5,700,603    | 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: 6/19/2013

1. The old switch was retired in 2012, replaced by a soft switch.



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| Applies to Period: | Year End 12/2011    | Reg: 6         | WESTERN          | Subset 3 |
| Contact Name:      | Dallas Filan        | MSM: 020007494 | Melody Crane     |          |
| Contact Phone:     | (509)-549-3511 Ext: | OO: *****      |                  |          |
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| 060 Total Loops              | 724         |
| 070 Cat. 1.3 Loops           | 708         |
| 160 Account 2001             | 13,155,239  |
| 170 Account 1220             | 71,253      |
| 190 Account 3100             | 7,992,238   |
| 195 Account 3400             | 0           |
| 210 Account 4340             | 408,269     |
| 220 Net Plant Investment     | 4,825,985   |
| 230 Account 2210             | 1,463,654   |
| 235 Account 2220             | 0           |
| 240 Account 2230             | 1,788,800   |
| 245 Total Central Office     | 3,252,454   |
| 250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13       | 1,120,031   |
| 255 Account 2410             | 8,723,380   |
| 260 Account 3100 (2210)      | 1,463,654   |
| 265 Account 3100 (2220)      | 0           |
| 270 Account 3100 (2230)      | 1,516,222   |
| 275 Account 3100 (2210-2230) | 2,979,876   |
| 280 Account 3100 (2410)      | 4,004,447   |
| 310 Account 4340 (2210)      | 45,456      |
| 315 Account 4340 (2220)      | 0           |
| 320 Account 4340 (2230)      | 55,594      |
| 325 Account 4340 (2210-2230) | 101,050     |
| 330 Account 4340 (2410)      | 270,920     |
| 335 Account 6110 Total       | 4,647       |
| 340 Account 6110 Benefits    | 307         |
| 345 Account 6110 Rents       | 0           |
| 350 Account 6120 Total       | 22,802      |
| 355 Account 6120 Benefits    | 2,718       |
| 360 Account 6120 Rents       | 1,314       |
| 365 Account 6210 Total       | 44,594      |
| 370 Account 6210 Benefits    | 4,382       |
| 375 Account 6210 Rents       | 3,375       |
| 380 Account 6220 Total       | 0           |
| 385 Account 6220 Benefits    | 0           |
| 390 Account 6220 Rents       | 0           |
| 395 Account 6230 Total       | 3,131       |
| 400 Account 6230 Benefits    | 440         |
| 405 Account 6230 Rents       | 0           |
| 410 Account 6210-6230        | 47,725      |
| 430 Account 6410 Total       | 210,162     |
| 435 Account 6410 Benefits    | 53,559      |
| 440 Account 6410 Rents       | 0           |
| 445 Total Plant Specific     | 285,336     |
| 450 Account 6530 Total       | 20,532      |
| 455 Account 6530 Benefits    | 0           |
| 510 Account 6560 (2210)      | 81,493      |
| 515 Account 6560 (2220)      | 0           |
| 520 Account 6560 (2230)      | 173,584     |



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| 525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)  | 255,077     |
| 530 Account 6560 (2410)       | 341,837     |
| 535 Account 6710 Total        | 53,229      |
| 540 Account 6710 Benefits     | 9,274       |
| 550 Account 6720 Total        | 254,764     |
| 555 Account 6720 Benefits     | 25,931      |
| 565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550    | 307,993     |
| 600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp. | 109,006     |
| 610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp. | 4,689       |
| 650 Account 7200 Other Taxes  | 35,876      |
| 700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV) | 8,561,382   |
| 710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)    | 5,512,858   |
| 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:

Date: 12/10/2012 Adjustment Type: NECA Initiated

1. Revise per NECA review.