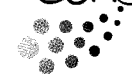


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July 25, 2013

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

Re: 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, 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 2012 and had no requests for service from applicants within the Company's designated service area that were unfilled for the calendar year 2012.

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 the 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 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 25 day of July, 2013, at Union, Washington.

Company: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

By: 
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 2011 and 2012, 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 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.

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

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 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 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'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 2014. The Company expects that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will aid 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 aid 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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Contact Name:	Jennifer Goos	MSM: 020007494	Melody Crane	
Contact Phone:	(360)-898-5366 Ext:	OO: *****		
Release Status:	Special Released	Co: 000002419	Hood Canal Tel. Co.	
Soft Edit Status:	Passed Edit	SAR: 522419	HOOD CANAL TEL CO	

Description	Pending View	Source
060 Total Loops	948	EC
070 Cat. 1.3 Loops	946	EC
160 Account 2001	5,985,438	EC
170 Account 1220	38,648	EC
190 Account 3100	5,169,281	EC
195 Account 3400	0	EC
210 Account 4340	95,256	EC
220 Net Plant Investment	759,549	EC
230 Account 2210	781,228	EC
235 Account 2220	0	EC
240 Account 2230	1,158,062	EC
245 Total Central Office	1,939,290	EC
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	716,174	EC
255 Account 2410	3,022,188	EC
260 Account 3100 (2210)	690,924	EC
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0	EC
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,028,547	EC
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	1,719,471	EC
280 Account 3100 (2410)	2,723,988	EC
310 Account 4340 (2210)	59,033	EC
315 Account 4340 (2220)	0	EC
320 Account 4340 (2230)	9,839	EC
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	68,872	EC
330 Account 4340 (2410)	17,216	EC
335 Account 6110 Total	157,493	EC
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345 Account 6110 Rents	108,106	EC
350 Account 6120 Total	233,247	EC
355 Account 6120 Benefits	28,996	EC
360 Account 6120 Rents	89,028	EC
365 Account 6210 Total	221,122	EC
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375 Account 6210 Rents	2,977	EC
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390 Account 6220 Rents	0	EC
395 Account 6230 Total	41,768	EC
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405 Account 6230 Rents	7,503	EC
410 Account 6210-6230	262,890	EC
430 Account 6410 Total	155,310	EC
435 Account 6410 Benefits	45,245	EC
440 Account 6410 Rents	5,181	EC
445 Total Plant Specific	808,940	EC
450 Account 6530 Total	116,831	EC
455 Account 6530 Benefits	37,254	EC
510 Account 6560 (2210)	105,170	EC
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0	EC
520 Account 6560 (2230)	9,879	EC



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540 Account 6710 Benefits	60,959	EC
550 Account 6720 Total	352,111	EC
555 Account 6720 Benefits	50,450	EC
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	537,570	EC
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	380,242	EC
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	212,795	EC
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	34,652	EC
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	3,018,831	EC
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	2,835,341	EC
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805 Account 2680 (2230)	0	EC
810 Account 2680 (Cat. 4.13)	0	EC
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830 Account 6560 (2680)	0	EC

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Contact Phone:	(360)-898-5366 Ext:	OO: *****		
Release Status:	Released	Co: 000002419	Hood Canal Tel. Co.	
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Description	Latest View
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170 Account 1220	72,789
190 Account 3100	5,744,707
195 Account 3400	0
210 Account 4340	38,630
220 Net Plant Investment	702,141
230 Account 2210	1,186,664
235 Account 2220	0
240 Account 2230	1,275,183
245 Total Central Office	2,461,847
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	827,175
255 Account 2410	3,015,474
260 Account 3100 (2210)	1,168,274
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,261,755
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	2,430,029
280 Account 3100 (2410)	2,603,208
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320 Account 4340 (2230)	-11,398
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	17,184
330 Account 4340 (2410)	22,817
335 Account 6110 Total	146,511
340 Account 6110 Benefits	18,456
345 Account 6110 Rents	127,242
350 Account 6120 Total	206,901
355 Account 6120 Benefits	23,262
360 Account 6120 Rents	59,787
365 Account 6210 Total	217,467
370 Account 6210 Benefits	50,797
375 Account 6210 Rents	0
380 Account 6220 Total	0
385 Account 6220 Benefits	0
390 Account 6220 Rents	0
395 Account 6230 Total	23,421
400 Account 6230 Benefits	2,350
405 Account 6230 Rents	0
410 Account 6210-6230	240,888
430 Account 6410 Total	148,958
435 Account 6410 Benefits	39,083
440 Account 6410 Rents	0
445 Total Plant Specific	743,258
450 Account 6530 Total	82,128
455 Account 6530 Benefits	27,849
510 Account 6560 (2210)	33,528
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520 Account 6560 (2230)	127,182



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530 Account 6560 (2410)	123,824
535 Account 6710 Total	155,295
540 Account 6710 Benefits	49,598
550 Account 6720 Total	386,756
555 Account 6720 Benefits	48,964
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	542,051
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	321,514
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	187,029
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	38,469
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	2,901,773
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805 Account 2680 (2230)	0
810 Account 2680 (Cat. 4.13)	0
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Comments:

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

1. Revised per NECA review.