

# 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 16, 2014

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

Re: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' Annual Certification on High Cost  
Fund Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, 070, 080 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 attached and will be filed electronically.

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 2013 and had no request for service from applicants within the Company's designated service area that were unfilled for the calendar year 2013.

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 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 2013 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2013 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 2013 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014, 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 2012 and 2013, 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 2013, 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, 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 2013, 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 2013.

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, 2015, through December 31, 2015, 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 2013, 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 2013. The Company's budgeted 2015 investment and expenses are expected to be relatively the same as 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 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 12/2013  
Contact Name: Dallas Filan  
Contact Phone: (509)-549-3511 Ext:  
Release Status: Released  
Soft Edit Status: Failed Edit

Reg: 6 WESTERN  
MSM: 020007494 Melody Crane  
OO: \*\*\*\*\*  
Co: 000002437 Pioneer Tel. Co.  
SAR: 522437 PIONEER TEL CO

Subset 3

Description	Pending View	Source
060 Total Loops	701	EC
070 Cat. 1.3 Loops	691	EC
160 Account 2001	12,208,645	EC
170 Account 1220	65,521	EC
190 Account 3100	7,446,799	EC
195 Account 3400	0	EC
210 Account 4340	443,447	EC
220 Net Plant Investment	4,383,920	EC
230 Account 2210	508,473	EC
235 Account 2220	0	EC
240 Account 2230	1,699,964	EC
245 Total Central Office	2,208,437	EC
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	895,090	EC
255 Account 2410	8,755,141	EC
260 Account 3100 (2210)	100,766	EC
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0	EC
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,678,690	EC
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	1,779,456	EC
280 Account 3100 (2410)	4,713,093	EC
310 Account 4340 (2210)	18,485	EC
315 Account 4340 (2220)	0	EC
320 Account 4340 (2230)	61,220	EC
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	79,705	EC
330 Account 4340 (2410)	318,866	EC
335 Account 6110 Total	1,127	EC
340 Account 6110 Benefits	792	EC
345 Account 6110 Rents	0	EC
350 Account 6120 Total	11,150	EC
355 Account 6120 Benefits	759	EC
360 Account 6120 Rents	429	EC
365 Account 6210 Total	12,842	EC
370 Account 6210 Benefits	1,204	EC
375 Account 6210 Rents	905	EC
380 Account 6220 Total	0	EC
385 Account 6220 Benefits	0	EC
390 Account 6220 Rents	0	EC
395 Account 6230 Total	62,224	EC
400 Account 6230 Benefits	4,150	EC
405 Account 6230 Rents	1,380	EC
410 Account 6210-6230	75,066	EC
430 Account 6410 Total	240,529	EC
435 Account 6410 Benefits	61,119	EC
440 Account 6410 Rents	0	EC
445 Total Plant Specific	327,872	EC
450 Account 6530 Total	22,221	EC
455 Account 6530 Benefits	0	EC
510 Account 6560 (2210)	45,764	EC
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0	EC
520 Account 6560 (2230)	99,254	EC



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Subset 3

Description	Pending View	Source
525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)	145,018	EC
530 Account 6560 (2410)	354,360	EC
535 Account 6710 Total	85,019	EC
540 Account 6710 Benefits	21,712	EC
550 Account 6720 Total	277,747	EC
555 Account 6720 Benefits	22,330	EC
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	362,766	EC
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	120,073	EC
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	2,714	EC
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	180,007	EC
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	8,755,141	EC
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	5,710,694	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: 6/4/2014

1. Line 700 Average Cable & Wire Facilities amount of \$8,755,141 is the same as Line 255 the Yearend Cable & Wire Facilities because no additions were made in the current year.



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WESTERN  
Melody Crane  
Pioneer Tel. Co.  
PIONEER TEL CO

Subset 3

Description	Latest View
060 Total Loops	712
070 Cat. 1.3 Loops	702
160 Account 2001	12,036,340
170 Account 1220	59,104
190 Account 3100	6,972,269
195 Account 3400	0
210 Account 4340	418,803
220 Net Plant Investment	4,704,372
230 Account 2210	474,734
235 Account 2220	0
240 Account 2230	1,675,734
245 Total Central Office	2,150,468
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	903,215
255 Account 2410	8,755,141
260 Account 3100 (2210)	51,353
265 Account 3100 (2220)	0
270 Account 3100 (2230)	1,583,086
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	1,634,439
280 Account 3100 (2410)	4,358,733
310 Account 4340 (2210)	16,530
315 Account 4340 (2220)	0
320 Account 4340 (2230)	58,349
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	74,879
330 Account 4340 (2410)	304,854
335 Account 6110 Total	1,623
340 Account 6110 Benefits	250
345 Account 6110 Rents	0
350 Account 6120 Total	33,565
355 Account 6120 Benefits	3,422
360 Account 6120 Rents	1,180
365 Account 6210 Total	59,145
370 Account 6210 Benefits	5,112
375 Account 6210 Rents	0
380 Account 6220 Total	0
385 Account 6220 Benefits	0
390 Account 6220 Rents	0
395 Account 6230 Total	29,830
400 Account 6230 Benefits	648
405 Account 6230 Rents	0
410 Account 6210-6230	88,975
430 Account 6410 Total	211,581
435 Account 6410 Benefits	48,668
440 Account 6410 Rents	0
445 Total Plant Specific	335,744
450 Account 6530 Total	20,342
455 Account 6530 Benefits	0
510 Account 6560 (2210)	54,312
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0
520 Account 6560 (2230)	75,374



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Release Status:	Released	Co: 000002437	Pioneer Tel. Co.	
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Description	Latest View
525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)	129,686
530 Account 6560 (2410)	354,285
535 Account 6710 Total	71,602
540 Account 6710 Benefits	12,524
550 Account 6720 Total	257,011
555 Account 6720 Benefits	20,020
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	328,613
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	102,479
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	1,180
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	51,906
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	8,739,261
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	5,700,603
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: 6/19/2013

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