

July 24, 2014

Mr. Steve King  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
PO Box 47250  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia WA 98504-7250

Re: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' annual recertification on High Cost Funds pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, 070, and 080 for Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications

Dear Secretary:

Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby submits the enclosed information in support of its use of federal universal funds for 2014 to facilitate certification by the Commission as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

Attached for filing, please find the FCC Form 481 for GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company for its study area in Washington (SAC 522412). Portions of this filing are being made confidentially in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) *Third Protective Order*, DA10-1749, released August 30, 2012. FairPoint also request protection from disclosure to the public by FCC Title 47 C.F.R §§ 0.457 and 1.459 and Washington rule WAC 480-07-160.

This filing contains confidential information on outages, customer information by exchange, and information regarding FairPoint's past, present and future network deployment activities. FairPoint requests confidential treatment of the detailed reporting of outages, which includes location, cause, duration and efforts taken to prevent further outages. FairPoint also request confidential treatment of the number of complaints per 1000. This information is competitively sensitive and is not normally released to the public; release of this information could give competitors an advantage in the markets described herein. Please note that section 4.2 of the Commission rules states that reports of service disruptions are "presumed to be confidential".

FairPoint also requests confidential treatment of its unfulfilled voice and broadband service requests. This information is competitively sensitive as it may provide an indication of where FairPoint may target future service expansion. This information is not normally released to the public; release of such sensitive data could give FairPoint's competitors an advantage in the markets described therein. In addition, FairPoint requests confidential treatment of its broadband price offerings. While broadband price offerings may be publicly available on a targeted and localized basis, FairPoint does not make available a companywide description of its pricing across all markets, as contained in this report. This information is competitively sensitive as pricing is a key component of broadband competition and is not normally released to the public on this scale. Release of such sensitive data could give FairPoint competition an advantage in the markets contained herein.

The amount of federal high-cost support received in 2014 and to be received in 2015 will continue to be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or [bwestman@fairpoint.com](mailto:bwestman@fairpoint.com) with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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