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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

DOCKET NO.

PETITION OF ASOTIN TELEPHONE
COMPANY D/B/A TDS TELECOM, LEWIS
RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
D/B/A TDS TELECOM, AND MCDANIEL
TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A TDS
TELECOM TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM
THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Asotin Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom, and McDaniel Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom (collectively, the "Companies") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petition the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2024.

I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100

- 1 1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): Each of the Companies is a local exchange company as defined
2 in WAC 480-120-021 that serve fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.
- 3 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): Each of the Companies is an incumbent local exchange carrier as
4 defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h).
- 5 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): Each of the Companies offers basic residential and business
6 exchange telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW
7 80.36.630.
- 8 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): Each of the Companies has established a plan, as described in
9 WAC 480-123-110, to provide, maintain, or enhance broadband service (See II.4, below).
- 10 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): Each of the Companies has been designated by the Commission
11 as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving federal
12 universal services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service
13 Support for High Cost Areas, with respect to the service areas for which the Companies are
14 seeking Program support.

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16 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 17 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The names of the legal entities that provide communications
18 services and are seeking Program support are as follows: Asotin Telephone Company d/b/a
19 TDS Telecom ("Asotin"), Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom
20 ("Lewis River"), and McDaniel Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom ("McDaniel").
- 21 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
22 each of the Companies and its affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as
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1 Exhibit 1.¹ A detailed description of any transactions between each of the Companies and
2 the affiliates named in Exhibit 1 recorded in each of the Companies' operating accounts is
3 attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

4 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for each of the Companies can be found at:
5 Asotin: Section III Second Revised Sheet No.5 of its tariff WN U-3.

6 Lewis River: Section Maps Fourth Revised Sheets M-1 through M-4 of its tariff WN U-2.

7 McDaniel: Schedule 14, Original Sheets No. 150-152 of its tariff WN U-4.

8 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): Each of the Companies' broadband plans to provide, maintain, or
9 enhance broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

10 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a company officer certifying that each of
11 the Companies complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost
12 adjustment rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.

13 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential and business local exchange access
14 lines, broadband connections, unbundled monthly recurring rates for voice and broadband
15 services as of December 31, 2022, and as of December 31, 2021, are included in the
16 attached Exhibit 5. (The Companies have other business local exchange service rates, but
17 they understand that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line business local
18 exchange access service rate.)

19 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements relating to continued operations are
20 attached as Exhibit 6.

21 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a company officer certifying that each of
22 the Companies is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation

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24 ¹ Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, Exhibit 1 is limited to those affiliates having transactions with the
25 Company that are to be identified in Exhibit 2.]

1 for deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications
2 Commission applicable to the company and that the company meets one of the eligibility
3 criteria set out in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached as Exhibit 7.


4 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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7 Respectfully submitted this 28th day of July, 2023.

8 Asotin Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom
9 Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom, and
10 McDaniel Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom

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12 CERTIFICATION

13 I, Joel Dohmeier, an officer of each of the Companies that is responsible for each of the
14 Companies' business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the
15 information and representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Companies
16 have not knowingly withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant
17 to the rules governing the Program.

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19 By: Joel Dohmeier Date
20 Title: Vice President