I, Laini Jones, state that I am the Executive Director of Salish Networks ("Salish"), and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of Salish, and that the facts set forth in the Affidavit are true and 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 Administration Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

- (1) That Salish in 2023 did not receive any federal high-cost universal service funds. That Salish, in the coming calendar year, will use any received federal high-cost universal service fund support provided to us in the State of Washington only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;
- (2) That during the 2023 calendar year, Salish met substantially the applicable service quality standard and consumer protection rules found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2023 calendar year, Salish maintained the ability to function in emergency situations due to our continued adherence to the standards found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standards relates to functionality of wireline carriers in emergency situations; and
- (4) That during the 2023 calendar year, Salish did not receive any federal high-cost universal service funds. Salish has a marketing and publication program ready to publicize the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service. In a manner which, in Salish' judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of Salish, but within Salish' designated service area to include residents of federally recognized Indian Reservations.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 3rd of July, 2024, at Tulalip, Washington.

Company: Salish Networks

By: <u>Laini</u> Jones

Laini Jones

Its: Executive Director