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Jeff Killip Executive Directory and Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 601 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

> RE: Commnet Wireless, LLC Annual High-Cost Universal Service Certification

Dear Mr. Killip:

Please see attached for Commnet Wireless, LLC's Annual high Cost Universal Service Certification.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Rohan Ranaraja at 501-804-5521 or via e-mail at rohan.ranaraja@commnetbroadband.com.

Sincerely,

Warren Thomas

06/14/2024 09:52 AM MDT

Warren Thomas Vice President and General Counsel

Commnet Wireless, LLC (Study Area Code 529033)

ETC ANNUAL REPORT PER WAC 480-123-060 - WAC 480-123-080 June 30, 2024

Commnet Wireless, LLC ("Commnet" or "Company") was designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by Order issued May 20, 2021 in Docket No. UT-210149. Commnet was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to receive funding via the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") on January 14, 2022. Commnet has been assigned Study Area Code 529033 by the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Commnet hereby submits the following report in accordance with WAC 480-123-060 to WAC 480-123-080.

1. Annual Certification – WAC 480-123-160

Through this filing Commnet requests that the Commission recertify the Company as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for purposes of receiving high-cost universal service support in 2025. Commnet did receive high-cost universal service funding but did not provide the supported services in the state of Washington during calendar year 2023. In accordance with WAC 480-123-160, attached hereto as Exhibit A is a certification that all federal high-cost universal service funds received by the company will be used only to provision, maintain and upgrade the facilities and services for which the support is intended.

2. Report on use of funds: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a):

Commnet received \$777,600.60 in funding from the high-cost universal service fund during calendar year 2023. Commnet has not deployed services to date, however, the Company will use all high-cost universal service fund support received to fund expenses related to the provisioning, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Continued receipt of Universal Service Fund support is essential for the Company to deploy the facilities necessary and provide the supported services.

3. Benefits to customers from the use of funds: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b):

The Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. Customers in the Company's RDOF supported area will benefit from high-speed internet and voice options when service is deployed.

4. Local Services Outage Report: WAC 480-123-070(2):

The Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. Therefore, it does not have any local service outages to report.

5. Report on Failure to Provide Service: WAC 480-123-070(3):

The Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. Therefore, it does not have any unfulfilled service requests to report.

6. Report on Complaints per 1000 Connections: WAC 480-123-070(4):

Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. Therefore, it does not have any customer complaints to report.

7. Certification of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules: WAC 480-123-070(5):

Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. As demonstrated in its ETC Application, the Company is capable of complying with the applicable service standards and consumer protection rules at such time it begins provisioning the supported services.

8. Certification of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations: WAC 480-123-070(6):

Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. As demonstrated in its ETC Application, the Company will ensure its network is designed to be able to function during emergency situations.

9. Advertising Certification, including Advertisement on Indian Reservations: WAC 480-123-070(7):

Company did not provide supported services during calendar year 2023. At such time the Company provides the supported services, it will advertise or publicize the availability of and charges for the supported services and Lifeline services.

10. Annual Plan: WAC 480-123-080(1):

During Calendar year 2025, the Company intends deploy service to at least 40% of the eligible locations as required by the FCC's deployment milestones. Commnet has completed a detailed design of the proposed network and secured the spectrum needed to deploy service. Company will begin the permitting and rights of way process in the coming months given the long lead times. Construction is expected to begin in 2025.

EXHIBIT A

Commnet Wireless, LLC Annual Certification

I, Warren Thomas, being of lawful age and duly sworn, state that I serve as Vice President and General Counsel for Commnet Wireless, LLC ("Commnet").

I certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

- The Commission designated Commet as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in certain census blocks in the State of Washington by Order issued May 20, 2021 in Docket No. UT-210149;
- 2. The Company will use all high-cost universal service funds received in the upcoming year (2025) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;
- 3. Commet will provide the supported services required by 47 U.S.C. §214(e) at such time it begins provisioning service;
- 4. Commnet will comply with the applicable service standards and consumer protection rules at such time it begins provisioning the supported services. WAC 480-123-070(5)
- 5. Commet will ensure its network is designed to be able to function during emergency situations. WAC 480-123-070(6)
- 6. Commet will advertise or publicize the availability of and charges for the supported services and Lifeline services. WAC 480-123-070(7)

Warren Thomas	DIGITALLY	06/14/2024 09:52 AM MDT
Warren Thomas		
General Counsel		

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 14th day of June, 2024.

Barbara Werner

06/14/2024 09:54 AM MDT, Notary Public

	Barbara L. Werner
	NOTARY PUBLIC
	STATE OF COLORADO
	NOTARY ID 19994029042
ſΥ	COMMISSION EXPIRES November 9, 2027

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