

Pioneer Telephone Co.

Local and Long Distance Service

~~~~~ Serving LaCrosse, Endicott, Winona, Hooper, Dusty and Hay ~~~~~

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June 26, 2015

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

Re: Docket UT-141555  
Washington Universal Service Communications Program  
WAC 480-123-130 (1)(a) through (1)(h)  
Pioneer Telephone Company  
LaCrosse, Washington  
Study Area Code 522437

Pioneer Telephone Company, SAC 522437, ("Company") hereby submits to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for filing the accompanying reports and certification required by WAC 480-123-130 (1)(a) through (1)(h) with respect to funds received by the Company from the Washington Universal Communications Services Program during the calendar year 2014.

PIONEER TELEPHONE COMPANY

By:   
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Durand Cox  
President

Accompanying document

WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM  
WAC 480-123-130 REPORTS AND CERTIFICATION

July 1, 2015

Docket No. UT-141555  
Pioneer Telephone Company

Access Lines Served - WAC 480-123-130(1)(a)

|             | <u>January 1, 2014</u> | <u>December 31, 2014</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Residential | 529                    | 517                      |
| Business    | 162                    | 163                      |

Use of Support - WAC 480-123-130(1)(b)

The funds received by Pioneer Telephone Company (the "Company") during 2014 from the state universal communications services program (the "Program") represent monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association pooling process. As such, the funds from the Program contributed to defraying the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the Program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers present in the area the Company serves.

In addition, during 2014 the Company undertook adding additional DSL/POTs equipment in the amount of \$87,483 and installing new fiber in the amount of \$37,961 to enhance broadband capabilities. The funds received from the Program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those project additions.

Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service\* - (WAC 480-123-130(1)(c))

None

\* Service requests that are ongoing but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

FCC Form 477 - WAC 480-123-130(1)(e)

Currently, portions of FCC Form 477 submitted to the FCC in an electronic file format do not create a readable report of the data. It is the Company's understanding that the FCC is developing 2014 reports that are expected to be available no later than August 1, 2015, and that will include 2014 FCC Form 477 data. If these reports are not available by this date, the Company will work with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission staff to provide this information in an agreed upon format in a timely manner.

Report on Operational Efficiencies/Business Plan Modifications - WAC 480-123-130(1)(f)

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. The Company already has a plan in place to concentrate on improving broadband service while continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications service to the customers that are located within the area that the Company serves. The Company plans to upgrade its middle mile transport in 2015 in order to be capable of providing higher broadband speeds and better quality broadband services to its customers. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

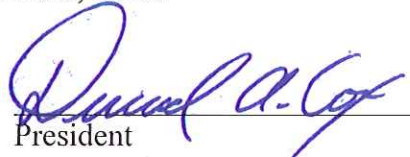
Other information - WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) and (h)

Not applicable.

Certifying Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(d)

I, Durand Cox, an officer of Pioneer Telephone Company with personal knowledge and responsibility, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that, during 2014, Pioneer Telephone Company materially complied with all Commission rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received state universal communications services program support.

Signed at LaCrosse, Washington this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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President