

Attachment B, proposed combined ETC rule.

**WAC 480-123-060 Eligible Telecommunications Carriers - Annual certifications and reports.**

(1) Each ETC seeking certification of the ETC's use of federal high-cost funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314 must request certification by July 1 each year.

(2) The commission will certify an ETC's use of federal high-cost universal service fund support, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.314 only if the ETC complies with the requirements in this rule.

(3) **Prior year report.** Not later than July 1 of each year, every ETC that receives federal support from any category in the federal high-cost fund must certify or report as described in this rule. The certifications and reports are for activity related to Washington state in the period January 1 through December 31 of the previous year. A company officer must submit the certifications in the manner required by RCW 9A.72.085.

(a) Report on use of federal funds and benefits to customers.

(i) Each ETC must provide the commission with a true and correct copy of the current Form 481 that it has filed with the FCC.

(ii) The ETC must also provide a substantive description of investments made and expenses paid with support from the federal high-cost fund. The report must include the Company's gross capital expenditures and maintenance expense in the preceding calendar year along with a description of major projects and affected exchanges. The rate of return wireline ETCs must also include a copy of its NECA-1 report for the preceding calendar year.

(b) Every ETC must provide a substantive description of the benefits to consumers that resulted from the investments and expenses reported pursuant to (a) of this subsection.

(4) **Advertising certification, including advertisement on Indian reservations.** The ETC must also certify it has publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs, such as Lifeline, in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service, including residents of federally recognized Indian reservations within the ETC's designated service area. Such publicity should include advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the ETC within its designated service area.

(5) **Upcoming year report.** Not later than July 1 of each year, every ETC that receives federal support from any category in the federal high-cost fund must report the planned use of federal support related to Washington state that will be received during the up-coming calendar year. The report must include the Company's budgeted gross capital expenditures and maintenance expense for the coming calendar year along with a description of major projects and affected exchanges.

(a) The report must include a substantive plan of the investments and expenditures to be made with federal support and a substantive description of how those investments and expenditures will benefit customers.

(b) As part of the initial ETC petition for federal high-cost support, and at least once every three years thereafter, a wireless ETC must submit a map in .shp format that shows the general location where it provides commercial mobile radio service signals.