



July 1, 2015

**BY HAND** 

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 No. UT-143034 -Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company -Washington Universal Communications Services Program -WAC 480-123-130 (1)(a) through (1)(h)

On behalf of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company ("Company"), accompanying this letter for filing by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission are the 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.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Appelo President

Accompanying Document



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

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# Docket No. UT-143034 Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company

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

	January 1, 2014	December 31, 2014
Residential	826	815
Business	181	184

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

The funds received by the Company during 2014 from the state universal communications services program ("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, the Company used support received from the Program, together with other resources, for the following projects, among other things, including repayment of loan funds:

- (1) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Naselle Exchange and the Grays River Exchange, along sections of Mattson Road (for approximately 7,300 feet), Pillar Rock Road (for approximately 3,870 feet), Hoikka Road (for approximately 5,444 feet), and Eden Valley Road (for approximately 10,000 feet), for a total distance of approximately 26,614 feet. This project serves an area of approximately 5 square miles in the vicinity of the above-referenced roads, with an estimated population of 85. This project's costs came to approximately \$268,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 85 people;
- (2) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along Altoona Pillar Rock Road, (for approximately 9,722 feet), and Barr Road (for approximately 12,780 feet), for a total distance of

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approximately 22,552 feet. This project serves an area of approximately 7 square miles in the vicinity of the above-referenced roads with an estimated population of 87 people. This project's costs came to approximately \$241,000. It has enhance service reliability and capacity for approximately 87 people;

- (3) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along sections of Mill Road (for approximately 8,924 feet) and Larson Road (for approximately 800 feet). The costs of this project came to approximately 275,000 feet. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 14 people;
- (4) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along sections of Altoona Pillar Rock Road south of Eden Valley Road (for approximately 20,000 feet). This project serves an area of approximately 4 square miles in the vicinity of the above-referenced roads, with an estimated population of 41 people. This project's costs came to approximately \$246,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 41 people;
- (5) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along a section of Covered Bridge Road, (for approximately 20,000 feet). The project's costs came to approximately \$148,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 23 people;
- (6) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along Deep River Road (for approximately 13,000 feet)., This project serves an area of approximately 2 square miles in the vicinity of the above-referenced road, with an estimated population of 56 people. This project's costs came to approximately \$256,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 56 people;
- (7) Construction, including new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Wire Center, along a section of Deep River Road (for approximately14,000 feet). This project serves an area of approximately 2 square miles in the vicinity of the above referenced roads, with an estimated population of 31 people. This project's costs came to approximately \$248,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 31 people; and
- (8) Construction included construction of new, buried fiber optic routes within the Grays River Exchange, along Deep River Road (for approximately 14,000 feet). This project serves an area of approximately 2 square miles in the vicinity of the above-referenced roads, with an estimated population of 22

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people. This project's costs came to approximately \$234,000. This project has enhanced service reliability and capacity for approximately 22 people.

# <u>Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service\* - WAC 480-123-130(1)(c)</u>

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 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 that date, the Company will work with the 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 funds received from the 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)

[If any - fill in. Otherwise use N/A.] [Instead of N/A, use "Not Applicable"]

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

I, Steven M. Appelo, an officer of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company with personal knowledge and responsibility, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that, during 2014, Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company materially complied with all Commission rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and

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its provision of service within the area for which the Company received state universal communications services program support.

Signed at  $\underline{O/ympice}$ , Washington this  $\underline{I^{st}}$  day of June, 2015.  $\underbrace{J_{une}}_{President}$ 

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