

REPORT OF LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A TDS TELECOM  
 UNDER THE  
 WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM  
 IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2019

Docket No. UT-180645

File electronically

1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops]

	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018
Residential	3,846	3,802
Business	407	403

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2018 represent monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process and the reduction of support under the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Connect America Fund InterCarrier Compensation (CAF ICC) program. As such, the funds from the universal communications services program contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal communications services program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2018, the Company received \$163,601 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

During the first six months of 2019 the Company worked on major projects to: 1) Provide service to several new subdivisions including FTTH Kays (\$5,000), FTTH Riverside Estates (\$400,000), FTTH Sargents (\$10,000), FTTH Highland Terrace (\$122,000), FTTH Waliezer (\$37,000); 2) Capacity upgrades at Elliot and Swift Dam (\$92,000); 3) Cable reinforcement at 186<sup>th</sup> (\$10,000); 4) Upgrade cards at DSA 41600 in LaCenter (\$22,000); and 5) Purchase 2 new  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton Chevy trucks (\$105,000). In addition, the Company has budgeted \$422,000 for A-CAM improvements for 2019. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects plus cover normal

operating expenses. The Company opens all major projects that are budgeted early in the year thus those described above will continue throughout 2019 in addition to routine maintenance, cable additions and other projects that will be done as needed.

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

None

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

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

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2019 under Docket UT-190003.

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

The Company is part of a major holding company which results in efficiencies and economies of scale that are not available to most Rural LECs and there are on-going efforts to find more ways to cut costs while improving broadband service and continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications services. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

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

N/A

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

I, Joel Dohmeier, am an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc., and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal communications services program support.

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Signed at Madison, Wisconsin this \_\_\_ day of June, 2019.

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Joel Dohmeier  
Vice President