

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

July 1, 2024

Docket No. UT-230615

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	2,902	2,713
Business	362	333

Broadband Connections

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	2,825	2,683
Business	226	217

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2023 contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. These funds are also contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications services and the expansion of faster broadband service available to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2023, the Company received \$236,864 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

During the first six months of 2024, major projects include the following projects:

McDaniel Projects	2024 Total	Category
CAP - 100G Wave Upgrade Salkum-Lumen	\$6,481	COE
CAP - Leased Fiber - Lewis County Power	\$3,765	COE
Aerial Drop Additions	\$2,553	OSP
Bond Prep – Aerial	\$2,955	OSP
Bond Prep – Buried	\$34,585	OSP
Buried Drop Additions	\$88,128	OSP
Buried Optical Drop	\$21,289	OSP
Non-DSL Card Additions	\$5,240	COE
MAN - Kruger Rd MP 1.2 Culvert replace	\$4,361	OSP
Total	\$169,358	

High speed data (SHSD) DSL, 100G OSP and capacity all bring faster broadband to more locations. Projects also include routine capex projects including drops, cards, line extensions and mandatory facility moves. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects and helping to recover normal operating expenses. The Company opens all major projects that are budgeted early in the year thus those described above will continue throughout 2024 in addition to routine maintenance, cable additions and other projects as needed. Details for 2023 expenditures are included in Report 1 of the annual ETC filing submitted on or around July 1.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) – Use of Support for Broadband Services

See response to (b) above. The investments described improve the multi-use network for both voice and broadband services. See also Attachment 1 for non-ACAM specific location data for locations that were upgraded to 25/3 or faster during 2023. Prior to 2023 these locations either had a speed less than 25/3 or were not able to get TDS broadband service). FCC Speed Tier Decoder:

Speed Tier 3 = 10/1
 Speed Tier 4 = 25/3
 Speed Tier 5 = 25/5
 Speed Tier 6 = 50/5
 Speed Tier 7 = 100/20
 Speed Tier 8 = 100/25
 Speed Tier 9 = 1000/500

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) - Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

One– See also ETC filing Report 4 submitted on or around July 1.

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

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) – Broadband Availability as Required by the Commission

The Company filed its FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC) with the Commission in docket UT-240058 on or about March 1, 2024. The updated data will be submitted no later than 9/15/2024.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) – Operational Efficiencies and 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.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(i) - FCC Form 477

The 477 submission is no longer required by the FCC. TDS filed subscription data as required on or about March 7, 2024, under Docket UT-240062.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Other Information on other projects

None – see discussion above and in the annual ETC Filing made on or around July 1.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) - Other Information Required by the Commission

N/A - None

