REPORT OF PIONEER TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2022

Docket No. UT-210582

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2021
Residential	417	405
Business	134	133

Broadband Connections Served

	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2021
Residential	351	383
Business	45	48

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

The funds received by Pioneer Telephone Company ("Company") from the universal communications services program for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 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 Fund (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 communication 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 January 2022, the Company received $149,271 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

During the program year 2021-2022, the Company continues installing fiber hookups to customer homes at a cost of approximately $170,500. This occurred throughout the

Company's serving area in conjunction with Alternative Connect America Model (ACAM) support to provide customers with higher quality broadband services. Other projects were equipment related to the FCC mandatory performance testing at a cost of approximately $100,400, purchase of computer equipment for approximately $2,400 and SIP equipment related to robocalling mitigation at a cost of approximately $62,900. Also, the Company has plant under construction for approximately $85,000 related to fiber hookup installs and performance testing requirements that remained open at fiscal year-end. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects.

3) WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) – Broadband Buildout Deployment

The Company falls into criterion three of WAC 480-123-110 and as a result has constructed broadband infrastructure throughout its service territory, with the exception of four locations which cannot be reached without extraordinary commitment of resource es or constructions costs exceeding an ordinary service activation fee. Three of the locations are estimated to cost in excess of approximately $5,000,000 and the fourth location has voice service to a hunting lodge that is used one week out of the year and estimated cost to extend the fiber is approximately $200,000. Criterion three means that the Company is using program support to allow it to continue to provide telecommunications services and broadband services at the levels that are provided today, with enhancements becoming available where appropriate.

Exhibit A attached contains 83 broadband locations that were reported by March 1, 2022 to Universal Service Administrative Company for 2021 deployment. Exhibit B attached contains 3 additional broadband locations deployed in 2021 that are not funded under ACAM due to that these locations were not on the 2016 initial specific census blocks listing for their serving area. However, these 3 additional deployed locations are within their serving area and are eligible to be counted towards the State universal communications services program buildout obligation.

4) WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) - 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.

5) WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) - FCC Broadband Data Collection

The Company will file its Broadband Data Collection polygons or lists no later than September 15, 2022, under Docket UT-220275.

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

    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 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

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2022, under Docket UT-220004.

8) WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Other efforts

    In several areas, the Company has constructed fiber-to-the-home. This will allow the Company to offer speeds substantially in excess of the 25/3, the current FCC broadband speed standard. During this fiscal year, the Company continues cutting over the newly constructed fiber to locations throughout its serving area prior to offering higher speed tiers to all its customers.

9) WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) – Other information

    Not applicable.

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

    I, Stephen P. Schmick, am an officer of Pioneer Telephone Company, and, in that capacity, hereby certify that Pioneer Telephone Company (i) 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 and (ii) has met its broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission.

    I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing it true and correct.

    Signed at LaCrosse, Washington this 10th day of August, 2022.

                                             Stephen P. Schmick
                                            President