

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, 2024

Docket No. UT-230615

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	3,605	3,241
Business	381	315

Broadband Connections

	January 1, 2023	December 31, 2023
Residential	3,489	3,076
Business	136	126

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 \$173,032 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:

Lewis River Projects	2024 Total	Category
CAA - Astound Business Solutions 1G PTP	\$33,349	COE
CAA - Indatel 42218 NW Yale Bridge Rd	\$9,257	COE
CAP - 100G Wave Upgrade LaCenter - Lumen	\$7,281	COE
NB - JT - Asa's View Subdivision - La Center	\$68,000	COE
NB JT - Stephans Hillside Estates - LaCenter	\$13,762	COE
Bond Prep – Buried	\$22,281	OSP
Buried Drop Additions	\$95,800	OSP
Buried Optical Drop	\$2,431	OSP
Non-DSL Card Additions	\$13,895	COE
CSI - New HVAC 41600 - LaCenter, WA	\$54,679	COE
ER - Lewis River Road - Cougar, WA	\$35,006	OSP
MAN East 4th St. Road Move - LaCenter	\$14,809	OSP
EACAM - Phase A - Amboy, WA	\$37,678	COE
Total	\$408,228	

E-ACAM,, optical drops and 100G all bring faster broadband to more locations. Projects also include routine capex projects including drops, cards 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 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 2024 in addition to routine maintenance, cable additions and other projects that will be done 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. 4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

Two – 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

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

I, Andrew S. Petersen, am an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company (the “Company”), and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the Company 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. In addition, I certify that the Company has committed to deploy broadband to at least those locations comprising the broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission per WAC 480-123-120(5).

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin,

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Andrew S. Petersen Date
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