

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM
WAC 480-123-130 REPORT

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Inland Telephone Company
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Access Lines Served - WAC 480-123-130(1)(a)

	<u>January 1, 2014</u>	<u>December 31, 2014</u>
Residential	1,736	1,719
Business	469	460

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal service communications program represents monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association pooling process. As such, the funds from the universal service communications program contributed to the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal service communication 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 addition, the Company undertook the upgrading of facilities in its Prescott and Uniontown exchanges. Both projects involved upgrading and increasing carrier cabinets and building fiber-to-the-node which should improve service quality and service capacity as well as create operational efficiencies; shortening subscriber loop lengths. In the Uniontown exchange, as part of the fiber-to-the-node build, a fiber ring was built in order to create redundancy within the exchange. In the Prescott exchange, a fiber route was built in order to establish an Ethernet point of connection. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects, including, without limitation, the repayment of loan funds.¹

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

None

¹ Editor's note - this narrative will need to change slightly for next year's report since funds will be received in 2015 related to CAF shortfall. Also note that project descriptions can include broadband projects.

* 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 the FCC Form 477 submitted to the FCC in an electronic file format do not create a readable report of the data. The FCC is developing reports that should be available no later than August 1 and will include 2014 data. If these reports are not available by this date, the Company will work with Commission Staff to provide this information in an agreed upon format and in a timely manner. In the interim, the Company did print the required FCC Form 477's and has attached these in .pdf format.

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 areas that the Company serves. The projects at its Prescott and Uniontown exchanges described in the Use of Support section above is a portion of these planned improvements. The Company is currently building fiber-to-the-home in its Roslyn exchange and plans on upgrading and increasing carrier cabinets and building fiber to the node in its Dewatto exchange; utilizing an approximate \$25,000,000 approved RUS loan for all improvements and upgrades. The funds received from the universal communications 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)

N/A

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

I, James K. Brooks, am an officer of Inland Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Inland Telephone 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 service communications program support.


James K. Brooks
Treasurer/Controller
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