

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

July 1, 2016

Docket No. UT-151577

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

	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2015
Residential	529	504
Business	162	176

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal service communications program in calendar year 2015 represents 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) CAF ICC Program. 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 January 2015, the Company received \$64,803 from the universal service communications program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 representing the reduction in support from the CAF ICC Program.

During 2015 the Company added ethernet transport equipment in the amount of \$70,189, provided a Fixed Wi-Fi hot spot in Central Ferry in the amount of \$48,153 and installed new fiber in the amount of \$132,527 to enhance the Company's broadband capabilities. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those projects.

In December 2015, the Company received \$99,862 from the universal service communications program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 which represents monies that the Company formerly received through the WECA pooling process and the reduction of support under the FCC's CAF ICC Program.

During the first six months of 2016 the Company acquired a new company vehicle and other work equipment in the amount of \$32,879 and office support equipment in the

amount of \$9,411. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these and future projects effectively. In the second half of 2016 the Company plans to purchase fiber optic cable in anticipation of a fiber-to-the-home project throughout their serving area to be funded with supplementary funding by electing the new model base support from the FCC USF Reform Order 16-33.

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, 2016 under Docket UT-160032.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(f) - 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 service communications 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

Not Applicable

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

I, Durand Cox, am an officer of Pioneer Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Pioneer 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.

Signed at LaCrosse, Washington this 29<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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President