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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

THE PETITION OF THE TOLEDO
TELEPHONE CO., INC. FOR A RULE
EXEMPTION

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM WAC
480-123-110(5)

COMES NOW, The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company" or "Toledo"), by and through its attorney, Richard A. Finnigan, and petitions for an exemption from the August 2nd filing date contained in WAC 480-123-110(5). This Petition is being filed pursuant to WAC 480-07-110.

BASIS FOR EXEMPTION

The rules set forth in WAC 480-123-110(5) establishes August 2nd as the filing date to file a petition for support from the State Universal Service Communications Program fund. Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances, Toledo missed the August 2nd filing date. Toledo's Chief Operating Officer, who is responsible for preparing the Petition for support, was gravely ill for many days.

The petition for support is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Petition and has been filed at the Commission on an electronic basis.

1 This Petition is consistent with the public interest since if Toledo's petition for support is
2 allowed, funding will be made available to Toledo for furthering broadband service. The
3 furtherance of broadband service in rural Washington is clearly within the public interest. While
4 Toledo has built a fiber network that reaches one hundred percent of its current customers, it has a
5 substantial debt repayment obligation and ongoing maintenance requirements. In addition, Toledo
6 is a growing community, largely in part because the attractiveness of its broadband service, and as
7 new homes are built, additional extensions must be made to maintain a one hundred percent
8 coverage of the Toledo service area. See the Declaration of Mr. Merten attached as Exhibit 2.

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10 REQUEST FOR RELIEF

11 Based on the foregoing, Toledo respectfully requests that it be granted an exemption from
12 the August 2nd filing date contained in WAC 480-123-110(5). Toledo also requests that the
13 Commission consider the Petition for Support on its merits.

14 Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of August, 2022.

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