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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

DOCKET NO.

PETITION OF PEND OREILLE
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO RECEIVE
SUPPORT FROM THE UNIVERSAL
SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS
PROGRAM

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Pend Oreille Telephone Company (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2024.

I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100

1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.

2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h).
3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company has established a plan, as described in WAC 480-123-110, to provide, maintain or enhance broadband service (See II.4, below).
5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving federal universal services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for High Cost Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking Program support.

II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110

1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Pend Oreille Telephone Company.
2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. ¹ A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. ²
3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No. 102 of the Company's Tariff WN U-1.

¹ Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, Exhibit 1 is limited to those affiliates having transactions with the Company that are to be identified in Exhibit 2.

² Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, Exhibit 2 is limited to transactions other than employment compensation and benefits pursuant to employ benefit plans. Exhibit 2 also includes transactions between the Company

1 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
2 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.


3 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
4 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
5 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.

6 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
7 the Company as of December 31, 2022, was 1072. The number of residential local
8 exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 1135. The
9 number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31,
10 2022, was 310. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company
11 as of December 31, 2021, was 313. The number of broadband connections served by the
12 Company as of December 31, 2022, was 901. The number of broadband connections served
13 by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 958. Of the approximately 2660 serviceable
14 locations Pend Oreille Telephone has in Washington, roughly 1576 are capable of
15 broadband speeds of 25Mbps downstream/ 3Mbps upstream, or better. The unbundled
16 monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access
17 service on December 31, 2022, was \$18.00. The unbundled monthly recurring rate charged
18 by the Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was
19 \$18.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local
20 exchange access service on December 31, 2022, was \$25.03. The unbundled monthly rate
21 charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on December
22 31, 2021, was \$25.03. The unbundled monthly rate charged for broadband service as of
23 December 31, 2022 and as of December 31, 2021 is set out in the attached Exhibit 5.

24 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.

- 1 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
2 Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for
3 deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission
4 applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility criteria set out
5 in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.
6 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.
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9 Respectfully submitted this 25th day of July, 2023.

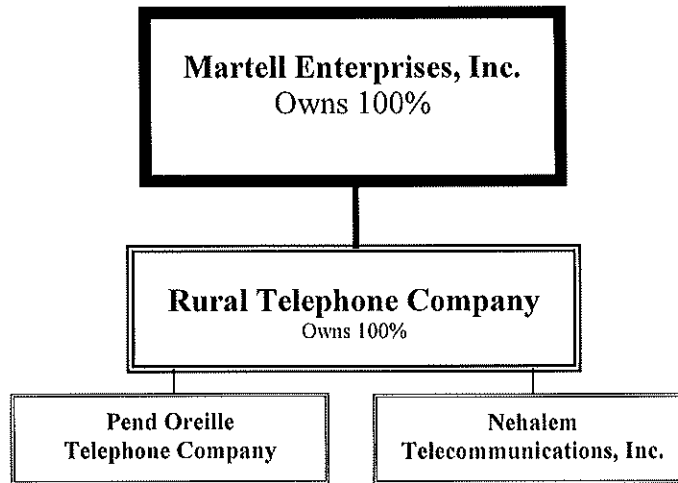
10 Pend Oreille Telephone Company
11 By 
12 Michael J. Martell, Vice President

13 CERTIFICATION

14 I Michael J. Martell, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the Company's
15 business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information and
16 representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has not knowingly
17 withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the rules
18 governing the Program.
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21 Michael J. Martell, Vice President
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**MARTELL ENTERPRISES, INC.
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



James R. Martell, President	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Matthew J. Martell, Secretary/Treasurer	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Michael J. Martell, Vice President	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Angela Wright, Board Director	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Mark R. Martell, Board Director	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Andrea Roberts, Board Director	892 W Madison Avenue	Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

EXHIBIT 2

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AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS

Pend Oreille Telephone Company and its parent, Rural Telephone Company, have a service agreement in which Rural Telephone provides management and operational service to Pend Oreille Telephone Company. These services are direct assigned to Pend Oreille as the expenses are incurred. Rural provided \$ 126,890 and \$126,890 of such services in 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Rural Telephone Company owes Pend Oreille Telephone Company at the 2022 year end \$1,158,722.

Pend Oreille leased vehicles and equipment from an affiliate, Little Valley Elk Ranch, in the amount of \$ 5,428 and 5,428 in 2022 and 2021. In addition, Little Valley Elk Ranch owes Pend Oreille \$ 191,289 for a loan made from Pend Oreille to Little Valley Elk Ranch in 2008. This amount is for principal and interest accrued since that date.

Nehalem Telecommunications owes Pend Oreille \$ 16,116.

EXHIBIT 3

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BROADBAND PLAN

This Broadband Plan is being submitted by Pend Oreille Telephone Company in compliance with RCW 80.36.650(3)(a)(ii) and WAC 480-123-110(1)(d). Under the terms of the legislation incorporated into RCW 80.36.650(3), a recipient of support from the state Universal Service Communications Program is to submit a broadband plan showing how the provider will provide, maintain, or enhance broadband services in its service area. As set out in WAC 480-123-110(1)(d), the broadband plan is to include specific elements, but only to the extent applicable to that particular broadband plan. The broadband plan does not have to include all elements but it can include any of the following elements: (1) a multi-year investment plan; (2) specific projects that are projected to provide or enhance broadband service at speeds required by the Commission or the Federal Communications Commission; (3) a plan for maintenance of broadband services in the provider's service area; (4) a description of how the provider will enhance broadband services in its service area; and (5) any other supporting information that the Commission may request to assist in the Commission's review and analysis of the provider's broadband plan. Where there are specific projects, the project information is to include an estimated timeline, geographic location, number of locations passed, and upload and download speeds that are projected to be produced by the project.

Pend Oreille Telephone Company is planning to engage in a broadband infrastructure construction program in 2024. Please note that it is not feasible to provide a detailed description of plans beyond 2024. However, the company is committing to meet the buildout requirements as specified by the Federal Communications Commission as applying to the company and the number of additional locations established by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission for the company. If those goals are not met by the 2024 construction program, additional construction plans will be developed for subsequent years to the extent program funding is available. The specific projects planned for 2024 are attached:

The foregoing Broadband Plan was adopted by Pend Oreille Telephone on July 25, 2023.

Dated this 25th day of July 2023

Pend Oreille Telephone Company



By: Michael J. Martell
Title: Vice President

Pend Oreille Telecom

Construction & Network Upgrades 2022-2024

New Calix E3 Site at Bud Porter Site

- Timetable for Completion of Project (**Completed as of December 2022**)
- ACAM & NON-ACAM Customers
- Upgrade with provide speed up to 100M/20M Bonded
 - 8th Ave South & North
 - Bud Porter
 - Creek Side Dr. N
 - Pickett St.
 - Couture Way

New Minor Apts. Upgrade (Fiber/Gam Units)

- Timetable for Completion of Project (**Fall of 2023**)
- All Non-ACAM Customers
- Upgrade will provide up to 1G Services to Apartment Complex

New Fiber Optic Cable from Ione Central Office to Metaline DLC Site (Project in Process)

- (Multi-fiber count on this build from 48,96,192)
- Timetable for completion of Project (**August 2023**)
- ACAM & NON-ACAM Customers
 - Locations listed below:
 - State Route HWY 20
 - Bockman Rd.
 - Cedar Creek Terrace
 - Lodge Pole Rd
 - Sweet Creek Ranch Rd

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Project #1 (Project in Process)

- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Timetable for Completion of Project (**July 2023**)
- All ACAM Customers
 - Snow Berry Ln
 - Berry Rd
 - Skookum Creek Rd
 - Frissell Rd
 - Sandwich Creek Rd
 - Leclerc Rd South

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Projects #2, #3 & #4 (South of Ione.)

- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Time Table Completion of Project (**December 2023**)
- All ACAM Customers
 - Locations listed Below:
 - Dewitt Rd
 - Stillwater Rd
 - Wilderness Ave
 - Northstar Rd
 - Timberline Rd
 - Evergreen Ln
 - Graham Rd
 - Dennis Rd

New Fiber Optic Cable from Tacoma Creek to Riverview Dr. (Waiting on State Highway Permits)

- First phase of South to North Fiber Project
- 8 Miles of Fiber from Tacoma Creek to Riverview Dr.
- Timetable for completion of Project TBA
- All ACAM Customers
 - State Route Hwy 20
 - Tacoma Creek Rd
 - 4 Dog Ln
 - Locke Cutoff Rd
 - Cusick Creek Rd
 - Homestead Rd
 - Devils Dr
 - S Shadow Dr
 - N Shadow Dr
 - Needles Dr
 - Pine Dr
 - Woodland Dr
 - Riverview Dr

New Fiber Optic Cable from Payton Heidi to Alaska Ln. (Waiting on State Hwy Permits)

- Second phase of South to North Fiber Project
- 8 Miles of Fiber from Alaska Ln to Payton Heidi Ln
- Timetable for completion of Project **TBA**
- All ACAM Customers
 - Blue slide Resort
 - Highway 20
 - Hazel St.
 - Reynold Creek Rd
 - Hawk Ln
 - Payton Heidi Ln
 - Echo Ln
 - Christen Cutoff
 - Boyd Ln

New Fiber Optic Cable from Metaline Falls C.O. to US Border Along Hwy 31)

- Hwy 31 US Border Fiber Project
- 10.5 Miles of Fiber from Metaline Fall C.O. to the Vault at Crescent Lake Rd
- Timetable for completion of Project **(TBA)**
 - US Border Complex
 - Highway 31
 - Lime Lake Rd
 - Sullivan Lake Rd to Lime Lake Rd
 - Grandview Flats Rd
 - Circle (Motel Loop)
 - Larsen Blvd
 - Abby Lane
 - Hacienda Way

FTTH to the Following Locations Listed Below; Project

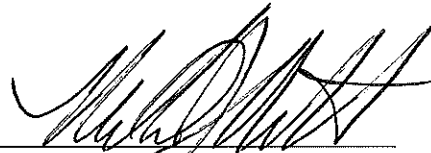
- New Main Fiber with Fiber Drops to Customers along the route
- Timetable for Completion of Project **(TBA)**
- All ACAM Customers
 - Grandview Rd
 - Ridge Rd
 - Old Leclerc Rd
 - Riverway Dr
 - S River Rd
 - N River Rd
 - Arthurs Blvd
 - Pine St. N
 - Shady Ln
 - Larch Ln
 - Wagon Wheel Ave

EXHIBIT 4

Certification Relating to Accounting Standards

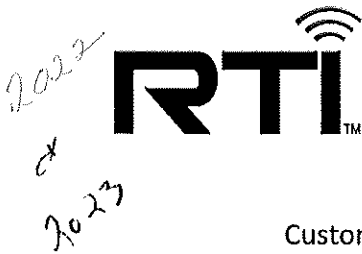
I, Michael J. Martell am an officer of Pend Oreille Telephone Company (the Company as set out in the Petition to which this is an Exhibit). Thereby, I certify that the Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment rules pertaining an incumbent local exchange carrier for the period of time that the Company will receive support under the Petition to which this is an Exhibit.

This Certification is a sworn statement made under the penalty of perjury as set forth in RCW 9A.72.085 and is made this 25th day of July, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Martell', written over a horizontal line.

By: Michael J. Martell
Title: Vice-President

EXHIBIT 5



WASHINGTON DSL Application

Account Number: _____
Date: _____

Customer Name _____
Physical Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Customer Phone _____

RESIDENTIAL	Cost	Downstream Speed up to	Upstream Speed	Emails	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$59.95	10 Mbps	1 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$69.95	25 Mbps	3 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$79.95	50 Mbps	10 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$89.95	100 Mbps	20 Mbps	5	** BONDED
BUSINESS	Cost	Downstream Speed up to	Upstream Speed	Emails	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$69.95	10 Mbps	1 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$79.95	25 Mbps	3 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$89.95	50 Mbps	10 Mbps	5	
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$99.95	100 Mbps	20 Mbps	5	** BONDED

Please call for availability in your area
** Bonded DSL Service Requires a Smart RG SR555AC Modem

Username: _____@potc.net Password: _____
Username: _____@potc.net Password: _____

***Passwords must be 8-12 characters, contain at least one capital, one number, an upper and a lower case letter, and a special character (!@#%&*()_-.)

Special Notes: _____

Contact customer service at 888-636-2840 or local office at 509-442-0082
Modem Prices Vary— Customer must purchase modem from RTI
Installation Fee \$185.00 *installation fee waived with a two-year agreement



WASHINGTON FTTH Application

Account Number: _____
Date: _____

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Customer Name _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Customer Phone _____

RESIDENTIAL

	Cost	Downstream Speed up to	Upstream Speed	Installation Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$69.95	50 Mbps	10 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$79.95	100 Mbps	50 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$119.95	250 Mbps	100 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$149.95	500 Mbps	100 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$199.95	1 Gig	250 Mbps	\$225.00*

BUSINESS

	Cost	Downstream Speed up to	Upstream Speed	Installation Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$79.95	50 Mbps	10 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$89.95	100 Mbps	50 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$129.95	250 Mbps	100 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$159.95	500 Mbps	100 Mbps	\$225.00*
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$209.95	1 Gig	250 Mbps	\$225.00*

installation fee waived with two-year service agreement

Customer must purchase modem from RTI

* E-mail comes with 15GB of storage

Username: _____ @potc.net Password: _____

Username: _____ @potc.net Password: _____

Username: _____ @potc.net Password: _____

***Passwords must be 8-12 characters, contain at least one capital, one number, an upper and a lower case letter, and a special character (!@#%\$%^&*()_-.)

Special Notes: **CUSTOMER MUST SUPPLY THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET OUTSIDE OF HOUSE***

Contact customer service at 1-888-636-2840 or local office at 509-442-0082

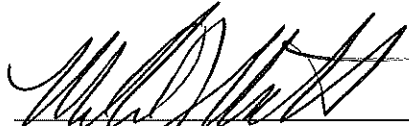
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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I, Michael J. Martell, am an officer of Pend Oreille Telephone Company (the Company as set out in the Petition to which this is an Exhibit) and hereby certify that if support is provided to the Company, the Company will continue to provide communications services throughout its service territory in Washington for which it is seeking in receiving program support and that the Company will continue to provide broadband service during the entirety of the year for which the Company is applying for support from the program.

This Certification is a sworn statement made under the penalty of perjury as set forth in RCW 9A.72.085 and is made the 25th day of July, 2023.



Michael J. Martell
Vice President

EXHIBIT 7

Certification of Eligibility

I, Michael J. Martell am an officer of Pend Oreille Telephone Company (the Company as set out in the Petition to which this is an Exhibit) and thereby certify that the Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission that apply to the Company.

For (j)(ii): Further, I certify that the Company commits to the deployment of broadband to the number of locations the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission determined by order.

This Certification is a sworn statement made under the penalty of perjury as set forth in RCW 9A.72.085 and is made this 25th day of July, 2023



By: Michael J. Martell
Title: Vice-President