

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

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)	DOCKET NO. UT-151436
In the Matter of State)	
Certification of Support as)	ANNUAL ETC CERTIFICATION AND
Required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314)	REPORT OF UNITED STATES
.....)	CELLULAR CORPORATION—AMENDED

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, *et seq.*, United States Cellular Corporation, 8410 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60631 (“USCC”), seeks recertification as an ETC in the State of Washington based on the following:

1. USCC was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in Docket No. UT-970345 on December 23, 1997, as supplemented December 30, 1999 and January 27, 2000, May 14, 2008, and September 26, 2013.

2. During the calendar year 2014, USCC provided the services required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) consistent with the Commission Orders in Docket No. UT-970345. As certified in **Exhibit A**, funds USCC receives from the federal high-cost universal service support fund were and will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support was intended.

3. **Exhibit B** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (1) “Report on use of federal funds and benefits to customers”. – *Confidential* The 4G LTE investments and expenses provide substantial benefits to consumers in the form of advanced wireless technology to significantly increase both the speed and capacity of mobile networks in USCC’s Washington ETC area. 4G LTE – the next generation of cellular

technology – allows customers to surf the web, send and receive pictures, download music and watch videos at speeds up to 10 times faster than 3G.

4. **Exhibit C** not attached, but is incorporated by reference from USCC’s filing in Docket No. UT-150063, Attachment 200 (page 16), to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (2) regarding local service outages. - *Confidential*

5. **Exhibit D** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (3) “Report on failure to provide service”. - *Confidential*

6. **Exhibit E** attached is intended to satisfy the requirements of WAC 480-123-070 (4) “Report on complaints per one thousand handsets or lines”. - *Confidential*

7. **Exhibit F** certifies USCC is in compliance with the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Carriers. This statement is made in response to WAC 480-123-070 (5) “Certification of compliance with applicable service quality standards”.

8. In 2014 USCC had a reasonable amount of backup power (fixed, portable or other backup power source) for its cell sites, and backup power for its switches is as prescribed in WAC 480-120-411(3). The certification of compliance in **Exhibit G** is made in response to WAC 480-123-070 (6) “Certification of ability to function in emergency situations”.

9. During the calendar year 2014, USCC advertised the availability of supported services and the charges for them as required by 47 U.S.C. § 214(e), and the Commission Orders in Docket No. UT-970345. **Exhibit H** certifies that USCC publicized the availability of supported services, including Lifeline Services and tribal outreach. Samples of advertising are attached as **Exhibit I**. This paragraph is in response to WAC 480-123-070 (7) “Advertising certification, including advertisement on Indian reservations”.

10. **Exhibit J**, attached, details USCC's intended investment and expenditures within its ETC boundaries in the State of Washington for the time period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. This information is provided as a response to WAC 480-123-080. - **Confidential** The planned expenditures will benefit customers by ensuring continued and ongoing mobile voice and data services in high cost areas that otherwise might not be served or served as well without the federal support.

11. Pursuant to WAC 480-123-080(3), USCC filed a coverage map in 2013 and is next due to file in its 2016 annual report.

Respectfully submitted this 26thth day of August, 2015.

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