#### **CONFIDENTIAL FILING**

June 22, 2017

# **VIA E-FILING**

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: UT-160963 - 2017 Compliance Pursuant to WAC 480-123-130

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-130, Mashell Telecom, Inc. ("Company") hereby files the attached under UT-Docket 160963.

The Company, by its authorized representative, respectfully submits confidential information in compliance with WAC 480-07-160. Mashell Telecom, Inc. requests confidential treatment of certain information submitted with its reporting requirements as a privately-held rate of return carrier. The confidential information is required by WAC 480-123-130 and includes detailed investment information that is competitively sensitive. Disclosure of this confidential information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company. Such information would not normally be made available to the public for inspection because of the financial information and should be afforded confidential treatment under WAC 480-07-160.

As specified in the WAC 480-07-140, copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" and the confidential submission is marked "CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160".

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact the undersigned at 360-832-4130.

Sincerely,

Danielle Clausen

Enclosures

# REPORT OF MASHELL TELECOM, INC. COMPANY UNDER THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2017

Docket No. 160963

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2016
Residential	2,084	1,999
Business	575	548

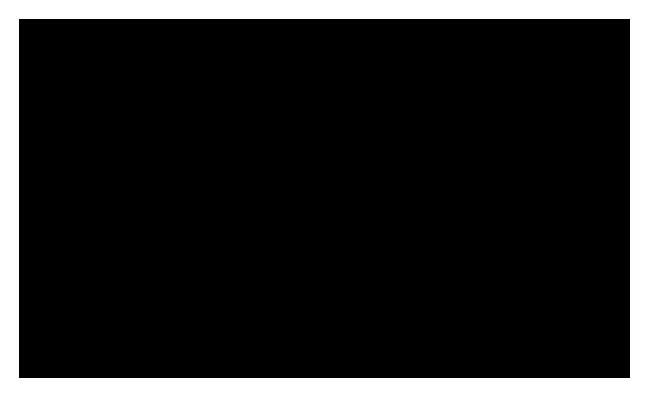
# 2. WAC 480-123-130(1)(b) - Use of Support

The funds received by the Company from the universal service communications program in calendar year 2016 represent 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 December 2016, the Company received \$180,423 from the universal service communications program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, 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 2016, the Company invested \$411 thousand in a new billing, accounting, and telephone system in 2016. This investment will allow the company to implement efficiencies in workflow and provide subscribers with up to date technology to access and manage their accounts. An additional investment in tools and other work equipment of \$100 thousand was made to allow the company to install, maintain and test subscriber data connections.

In addition, the Company undertook several construction and maintenance projects. Switching, circuit equipment and cable and wire facility investments totaling in excess of \$500 thousand were made to maintain infrastructure stability and provide the company with additional transport capacity and redundancy. Fiber to the Premise electronics and outside plant construction of fiber to the home were a significant portion of the Company focus in 2016. This project will allow us to reduce subscriber loop lengths and improve quality and speed of service.



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

None

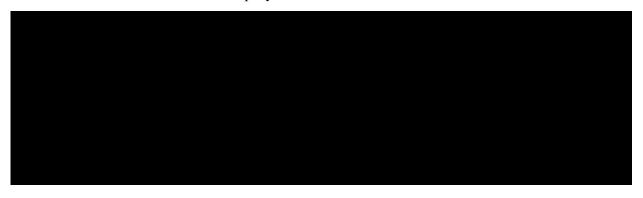
\* Service requests that are ongoing but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2017 under Docket UT-170009.

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



	N/A	
Certif	ried Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(d):	
	I, Brian Haynes, am an officer of Mashell Telecom, Inc., and upon personal knowledge and wresponsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Mashell Telecom, Inc. materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal service communications program support.	
	Signed at Tacoma, Washington this 22 <sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017.	
	President/CEO	_

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) and (h) - Other information