

REPORT OF LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A TDS TELECOM
UNDER THE
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2023

Docket No. UT-220567

File electronically

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

	January 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
Residential	3,773	3,605
Business	399	381

Broadband Connections

	January 1, 2022	December 31, 2022
Residential	3,681	3,489
Business	160	136

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services program in calendar year 2022 contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. These funds are also contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications services and the expansion of faster broadband service available to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In December 2022, the Company received \$173,032 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

During the first six months of 2023 major projects include \$633,00 of capital investment for the following projects:

Description	Company Description	Forecast Amount	Category
CAP - NW Bolen St Cable Exhaust - LaCenter	Lewis River Telephone Co	3,041	COE
LE - NW 354th St - LaCenter WA	Lewis River Telephone Co	2,381	COE

NB - FTTH Highland Terrace Phase 2 - LaCenter	Lewis River Telephone Co	6,359	DSL
CAP - Shetler Road Cable Exhaust - Lcenter	Lewis River Telephone Co	239	DSL
MAN - Munch Road Cable Move - LaCenter,	Lewis River Telephone Co	153	OSP
CAP 0414-CAP-01 PON Amboy WA	Lewis River Telephone Co	44,000	COE
NB JT - NE Fargher Lake Highway - Amboy	Lewis River Telephone Co	166	COE
CAP - DAS 41602 Additional Capacity - L	Lewis River Telephone Co	15,558	COE
CAP - 100G Wave Upgrade LaCenter - Lumen	Lewis River Telephone Co	350,000	COE
CAP - 33909 NE Taylor Valley Road -Lac	Lewis River Telephone Co	279	COE
LE - Fir Road - Ariel WA (EXPEDITED)	Lewis River Telephone Co	1,488	COE
CAP WA DSA 41401 Amboy ISP PON Add	Lewis River Telephone Co	89,737	COE
CAP WA PON NE Fargher Lake HWY	Lewis River Telephone Co	5,915	COE
NB JT - Stephans Hillside Estates - LaC	Lewis River Telephone Co	76,781	COE
CAP - LaCenter, WA New Node 0416015 & 1	Lewis River Telephone Co	7,195	COE
Bond Prep – Aerial	Lewis River Telephone Co	3,177	OSP
Bond Prep – Aerial	Lewis River Telephone Co	248	OSP
Bond Prep – Buried	Lewis River Telephone Co	392	OSP
Bond Prep – Buried	Lewis River Telephone Co	10,614	OSP
Bond Prep – Buried	Lewis River Telephone Co	175	OSP
Bond Prep – Buried	Lewis River Telephone Co	2,829	OSP
Managed IP Install Equipment & Labor	Lewis River Telephone Co	350	COE
Buried Drop Additions	Lewis River Telephone Co	1,387	OSP
Buried Drop Additions	Lewis River Telephone Co	116	OSP
Buried Drop Additions	Lewis River Telephone Co	5,490	OSP
Buried Drop Additions	Lewis River Telephone Co	4,507	OSP
MDU/MTU Fiber Build Buried Drops	Lewis River Telephone Co	259	OSP

CAFO (ACAM), DSL, 10G OSP and bonding all bring faster broadband to more locations. Projects also include routine capex projects including drops, cards and mandatory facility moves. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects plus cover normal operating expenses. The Company opens all major projects that are budgeted early in the year thus those described above will continue throughout 2023 in addition to routine maintenance, cable additions and other projects that will be done as needed. Details for 2022 expenditures are included in Report 1 of the annual ETC filing submitted on or around July 1.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) – Use of Support for Broadband Services

The investments described improve the multi-use network for both voice and broadband services. See also Attachment 1 for non-ACAM specific location data for locations that were upgraded to 25/3 or faster during 2022. Prior to 2022 these locations either had a speed less than 25/3 or were not able to get TDS broadband service). FCC Speed Tier Decoder:

Speed Tier 3 = 10/1
Speed Tier 4 = 25/3

Speed Tier 5 = 25/5
Speed Tier 6 = 50/5
Speed Tier 7 = 100/20
Speed Tier 8 = 100/25
Speed Tier 9 = 1000/500

4. 4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(d) Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service*

None – See also ETC filing Report 4 submitted on or around July 1.

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

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) – Broadband Availability as Required by the Commission

The Company filed its FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC) with the Commission in docket UT-230043 on or about March 1, 2023. The updated data will be submitted no later than 9/15/2023.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(h) – Operational Efficiencies and Business Plan Modifications

The Company is part of a major holding company which results in efficiencies and economies of scale that are not available to most Rural LECs and there are on-going efforts to find more ways to cut costs while improving broadband service and continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications services. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

7. WAC 480-123-130(1)(i) - FCC Form 477

The 477 submission is no longer required by the FCC. TDS filed subscription data as required on or about March 6, 2023, under Docket UT-230020.

8. WAC 480-123-130(1)(j) - Other Information on other projects

None – see discussion above and in the annual ETC Filing made on or around July 1.

9. WAC 480-123-130(1)(k) - Other Information Required by the Commission

N/A - None

Certified Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) and WAC 480-123-130(1)(f):

I, Joel Dohmeier, am an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company (the “Company”), and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the 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 communications services program support. In addition, I certify that the Company has committed to deploy broadband to at least those locations comprising the broadband deployment obligation established by the Commission per WAC 480-123-120(5).

Signed at Madison, Wisconsin,

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Joel Dohmeier Date
Director – Government & Regulatory Affairs