REPORT OF WESTERN WAHKIAKUM COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY UNDER THE WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2017

Docket No. UT-160982

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

January 1, 2016

December 31, 2016

Residential

838

848

Business

207

194

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

The funds received by the Company from the universal communications services 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) Connect America Fund InterCarrier Compensation Fund (CAF ICC) program. As such, the funds from the universal communications services program contributed to defrayal of the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal communication services 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 \$315,562 from the universal communications services program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

During the first six months of 2017, the Company undertook:

- Construction of new fiber optic cable (approximately 29,000 feet) and fiber optic drops to 54 premises in the Company's Naselle Exchange. This project will serve an estimated population of 130. This project cost approximately \$225,000.
- Construction of new fiber optic cable (approximately 10,850 feet) and fiber optic
 drops to 42 premises in the Company's Grays River Exchange. This project will
 serve an estimated population of 101. This project cost approximately \$150,000.

 Installation and maintenance of power facilities, including rectifiers, for the Company's Rosburg, East Naselle and West Naselle DLC/fiber termination huts. This project will serve an estimated population of 1,680. This project cost approximately \$11,400.

The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those projects, including, without limitation and to the extent applicable, the repayment of loan funds.

During the second six months of 2017, the Company plans:

- Construction of replacement fiber to the home fiber optic facilities along a portion of Covered Bridge Road due to a landslide. This project's cost is estimated to be approximately \$10,000.
- Completion of construction of the new fiber optic drops in the Company's Grays
 River Exchange, which was begun in the first half of 2017 (see item 2. above) and is
 continuing into the second half of the year.
- 3. Completion of relocation of approximately 300 feet of network fiber optic facilities on Deep River Road due to repeated beaver damage to existing facilities. This project will serve both the Naselle Exchange and the Grays River Exchanges with an estimated combined population of 2,082. This project's cost is estimated to be \$15,000.
- 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. The funds received from the universal communications services program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

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

N/A.

Certified Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(d):

I, Steven M. Appelo, am an officer of Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company, and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefor, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Western Wahkiakum County Telephone 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.

Signed at Ohmpia, WA, Washington this 30 day of June, 2017.

President