

July 27, 2016

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

Re: Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program
Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and 480-123-110

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110, St John Telephone, Inc. (“Company”) hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the State Universal Communications Services Program for the Program year 2017.

The petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110 accompany this letter and, together with this letter, are being filed in both paper and electronic versions. Please note both confidential and redacted versions are attached. The electronic filing includes both .pdf and native (*i.e.*, .doc, .docx or .xlsx) format files for this letter, the petition and the exhibits, other than Exhibits 5 and 6. Exhibits 5 and 6 have been provided by a third party and are not available to the Company in native format; therefore, only .pdf versions of those exhibits are being submitted.

Please note that portions of the information in the Petition are being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 and the original copy of such confidential information is included in a separate envelope marked "Confidential per WAC 480-07-160". Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, only the original copy of the confidential (unredacted) version of the material being filed on a confidential basis is provided, notwithstanding WAC 480-07-160(3)(c)(iii).

Sincerely,

Eric Trump
General Manager

Enclosures