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David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
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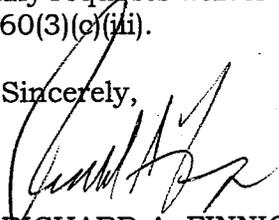
Re: Docket No. UT-037015; Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060 and 47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Ellensburg Telephone Company ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds.

The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed. Since the reports contain confidential information, redacted and confidential versions of the reports are included with a claim of confidentiality pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. Since only one copy of the reports and certifications are required to be filed, the Company requests waiver of the requirement to file multiple copies as set out in WAC 480-07-160(3)(c)(ii).

Sincerely,


RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosures

cc: Chris Barron (via e-mail)
Jana Manterola (via e-mail)
Pat Morse (via e-mail)

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**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
PURSUANT TO WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

I, Patrick L. Morse, being of lawful age, state that I am the SR/VP Governmental Affairs of Ellensburg Telephone Company ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

(1) That the Company will use federal high-cost universal service fund support only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(2) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);

(3) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company maintained the ability to function in emergency situations under the standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standard relates to functionality of wireline carriers in emergency situations; and

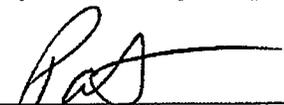
(4) That during the 2008 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service and in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 23 day of July, 2009, at Dodge City, KS.

Company: Ellensburg Telephone Company

By: _____


Patrick L. Morse

Its: SR/VP Governmental Affairs



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Contact Name:	Mark Ellmer	MSM: 020007494	Melody Crane	
Contact Phone:	(850)-229-7315 Ext:	OO: 200000037	FairPoint Communications, Inc.	
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170 Account 1220	325,177	EC
190 Account 3100	69,139,181	EC
195 Account 3400	0	EC
210 Account 4340	248,204	EC
220 Net Plant Investment	10,713,584	EC
230 Account 2210	10,543,028	EC
235 Account 2220	0	EC
240 Account 2230	28,309,595	EC
245 Total Central Office	38,852,623	EC
250 Ckt Equip Cat 4.13	20,600,925	EC
255 Account 2410	35,029,736	EC
260 Account 3100 (2210)	10,543,028	EC
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270 Account 3100 (2230)	27,523,006	EC
275 Account 3100 (2210-2230)	38,066,034	EC
280 Account 3100 (2410)	26,025,772	EC
310 Account 4340 (2210)	32,802	EC
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320 Account 4340 (2230)	88,079	EC
325 Account 4340 (2210-2230)	120,881	EC
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445 Total Plant Specific	3,147,770	EC
450 Account 6530 Total	931,468	EC
455 Account 6530 Benefits	159,102	EC
510 Account 6560 (2210)	13,609	EC
515 Account 6560 (2220)	0	EC
520 Account 6560 (2230)	798,296	EC



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Description	Pending View	Source
525 Account 6560 (2210-2230)	811,905	EC
530 Account 6560 (2410)	1,752,305	EC
535 Account 6710 Total	731,772	EC
540 Account 6710 Benefits	40,014	EC
550 Account 6720 Total	1,412,375	EC
555 Account 6720 Benefits	97,461	EC
565 Sum of Lines 535 + 550	2,144,147	EC
600 Ben. Por. of all Op. Exp.	567,031	EC
610 Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.	118,006	EC
650 Account 7200 Other Taxes	1,346,988	EC
700 2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)	34,436,607	EC
710 2410 (C S CWF - Cat.1)	32,303,877	EC
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815 Acc 2680 (2410) Total CWF	0	EC
820 Acc 2680 (2410)CWF-Cat1	0	EC
830 Account 6560 (2680)	0	EC

Comments:

**REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-070
AND WAC 480-123-080**

Ellensburg Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

Report 1: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report for the calendar year 2008, that, as of the date of the report, the Company has reported as the basis for support from the federal high-cost fund.

Report 2: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The company reports that the investments and expenses reported under Report 1, above, benefited customers as follows:

Through the expenditure of these funds, the Company was able to continue to provide services at a level that the Company believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C. §254 of providing high quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC. The Company has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services to its customers in its designated ETC service area. These expenditures and investments, including those reflected in Report 1, above; generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from the Company within its designated service area. In addition, during 2008, the Company was engaged in a major investment project within its designated ETC service area as described below.

The Ellensburg Exchange has experienced an extraordinary amount of subdivision growth during the past several years. In 2008 the Company invested [REDACTED] in Outside Plant infrastructure to provide service to [REDACTED] new lots within these new subdivisions. The Company also made an investment of [REDACTED] to upgrade its Outside Plant network in the Ellensburg, Selah and Kittitas Exchanges. These upgrades provided for a platform to deliver more reliable local service and advanced telecommunications services to [REDACTED] customers in these exchanges.

In addition to the foregoing, the Company has completed a major fiber project in 2008. That major project added twenty one miles of fiber optic cable to the Company's backbone infrastructure at a cost of [REDACTED]. This project extended fiber cable from the Kittitas Central Office to the Vantage Central Office. This has allowed for improved local service and provision of advanced telecommunication services to the [REDACTED] subscribers in the Vantage Exchange.

Report 3: WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that during the calendar year 2008, the Company received one complaint from the Federal Communications Commission, and received no complaints from the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Washington made by the Company's customers.

The customer filed a complaint with the FCC against Ellensburg regarding the performance of video relay service equipment with the Company's standard DSL. The customer was upgraded to a higher speed DSL in order for the VRS equipment to work properly.

Report 4: WAC 480-123-080(1)(b): The Company reports as follows:

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the present and planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for the period calendar year 2009, that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support are expected to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will decrease as the level of Construction activity has decreased in relation to what was experienced in calendar year 2008, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. The Company expects that it will have relatively the same level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2008.

The expected benefit to customers from the anticipated investment and expenditures is that customers will continue to receive a high level of telecommunications service. As to the specific investment project identified above, it is expected that customers will benefit by increased reliability of service and the increased availability of a broader range of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, advanced services.

Report 5: WAC 480-123-080(2): The Company reports as follows:

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the planned investment and expenses related to Washington state for the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, that the Company expects to use as a basis to request federal high-cost support are expected to be relatively similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1, above, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will decrease as the level of Construction activity has decreased in relation to what was experienced in calendar year 2008, subject to the effects of inflation and other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. The Company expects that it will have relatively the same level of investment related to maintenance, replacement and minor upgrades of equipment and plant as occurred in calendar year 2008. The Company has not completed its budgeting process and does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2010.

The expected benefit to customers from the anticipated investment and expenditures is that customers will continue to receive a high level of telecommunications service. As to the specific investment project identified above, it is expected that customers will benefit by increased reliability of service and the increased availability of a broader range of telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, advanced services.