

August 30, 2013

Mr. David A. Danner, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission PO Box 47250 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia WA 98504-7250

RE: Request for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Annual Certification under WAC 480-123-060

through 480-123-080; Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications;

Docket **UT-131392** 

Dear Mr. Danner:

Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby submits the following additional information to supplement the filing made on July 31, 2013 requesting that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administative Company (USAC) that the company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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**FairPoint Communications** 

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## STATE OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Pursuant to staff request, Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby submits the following supplemental information regarding its July 31, 2013 request for certification as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier under WAC 480-123-060 through WAC 480-123-080.

1. Please provide the total plant in service as of December 31, 2012.

Total plant in service as of 12/31/12 was \$85,200,986

2. Please provide the total number of loops in service as of December 31, 2012

The number of loops for YCOM Networks, Inc is 14,302

3. Please provide the total corporate operating expense for 2012

Total Corporate operating expense for 2012 was \$2,334,354

4. Please provide a detailed description of planned investment for 2014 per WAC 480-123-080.

As noted in the previous report, support received by the Company is not based on the Company's investment and expenses. That said, the Company has not completed its budgeting process for 2014 and therefore does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2014. 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, 2014, through December 31, 2014, are expected to be similar to those investments and expenses the Company has set forth in its information filed under Report 1B, taking into account normal fluctuations in investment and expense levels. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively close to the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2013, 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 2013.

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, availability of a broader range of services, and access to advanced services.