

June 26, 2015

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

Re: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' Annual Certification on High Cost Fund Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, 070, 080 and 47 C.F.R. §54.314

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("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 attached and will be filed electronically. Report 1 data provided by the National Exchange Carrier Association being used for this filing does not have a native format available, therefore only a pdf copy is being submitted.

For the Commission's information, in addition to the Lifeline advertisement covered in the enclosed certification, the Company runs an advertisement on our local television channel continuously, posts Lifeline/WTAP information in both the Union and Shelton offices, distributes Lifeline/WTAP information flyers when door tagging new customers, and posts Tribal Lifeline information at the tribal center and in tribal newsletters.

Sincerely,

Richard Buechel

President

Enclosures

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

I, Richard Buechel, being of lawful age, state that I am the President of Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("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 in 2014 used and in the coming calendar year will use federal high-cost universal service fund support provided to the Company in the State of Washington only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;
- (2) That during the 2014 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard and consumer protection rules found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);
- (3) That during the 2014 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 2014 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 22nd day of June 2015, at Union, Washington.

Company: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

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Richard Buechel

Its: President



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190	Account 3100			5,439,422				
195	Account 3400			0				
210	Account 4340			101,608				
220	Net Plant Investme	nt		649,885				
230	Account 2210			813,162				
235	Account 2220			0				
240	Account 2230			1,183,617				
245	Total Central Office			1,996,779				
250	Ckt Equip Cat 4.13			735,773				
255	Account 2410			3,083,942				
260	Account 3100 (221	0)		776,880				
265	Account 3100 (222		0					
270	Account 3100 (223	0)		1,104,622				
275	Account 3100 (221			1,881,502				
280	Account 3100 (241			2,758,351				
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320	Account 4340 (223			12,049				
325	Account 4340 (221			53,858				
330	Account 4340 (241	•	41,069					
335	Account 6110 Tota			240,170				
340	Account 6110 Bene			27,247				
345	Account 6110 Rent		116,329					
350	Account 6120 Tota		242,830					
355	Account 6120 Bene		25,585					
360	Account 6120 Rent		85,988					
365	Account 6210 Tota		147,016					
370	Account 6210 Bene		14,677					
375	Account 6210 Rent		2,317					
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440	Account 6410 Rent		6,163					
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530 Account 6560	(2410)		27,487			
535 Account 6710	Total		287,210			
540 Account 6710	Benefits	72,514				
550 Account 6720	Total	378,122				
555 Account 6720	Benefits	41,841				
565 Sum of Lines	535 + 550	665,332				
600 Ben. Por. of a	II Op. Exp.	380,569				
610 Rent Por. of a	II Op. Exp.	218,396				
650 Account 7200	Other Taxes	34,366				
700 2410 (C S Tot	al CWF - AV)	3,053,064				
710 2410 (C S CV	√F - Cat.1)	2,862,364				
800 Account 2680	Total	0				
805 Account 2680	(2230)	0				
810 Account 2680	(Cat. 4.13)		0			
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Comments:

Date: 12/18/2014 Adjustment Type: NECA Initiated

1. Revised per USF reconciliation



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530	Account 6560 (2410)				62,139	EC	
535	Account 6710 Total				254,681	EC	
540	Account 6710 Benefits				56,078	EC	
550	Account 6720 Tota				419,781	EC	
555	Account 6720 Bene	efits			45,292	EC	
565	Sum of Lines 535 +	- 550			674,462	EC	
600	Ben. Por. of all Op.	Exp.			333,811	EC	
610	Rent Por. of all Op. Exp.				145,864	EC	
650	Account 7200 Other Taxes				27,264	EC	
700	2410 (C S Total CWF - AV)				3,107,522	EC	
710	2410 (C S CWF - C	Cat.1)			2,928,237	EC	
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805	Account 2680 (223	0)			0	EC	
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830	Account 6560 (268	0)			0	EC	

Comments:

Date: 6/18/2015

^{1.} Line 320 - Deferred federal income taxes is calculated as a debit amount between tax and booked depreciation.

ETC ANNUAL REPORT PER WAC 480-123-070 AND WAC 480-123-080 Contains Certifications Required by WAC 480-123-060 and 070 July 1, 2015

Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. (the "Company") herby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

1. Report 1: Report on use of funds: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a):

The Company used support from the federal high-cost fund in 2014 as follows:

For 2014 the Company's gross capital expenditures were \$800,123. The Company's 2014 operating expenses were \$2,564,609. Recent major projects included a major remodeling of the plant and construction personnel area for the approximate amount of \$330,000 and purchasing vehicles in the approximate amount of \$315,000.

Per the direction of Commission Staff, the NECA -1 report for the calendar years 2013 and 2014 are included in this filing.

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

The customers served by the Company benefited from the use of high-cost fund support by continuing to receive high quality telecommunications services. The Company did a small fiber-to-the-home project in 2014 in the amount of \$31,250 that will potentially benefit 10 subscribers in their study area. The Company plans to continue to install fiber-to-the-home throughout its study area in the coming years.

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 quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.¹ 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. Those 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 ETC service area. The Company has expanded its network over the past several years so that it is capable of providing access to broadband services throughout most of the Company's designated ETC service area. The Company offers services that are comparable to services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to rates for such services in urban areas.

¹ The term "ETC" is used in the same sense as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

3. Report 3: Local Services Outage Report: WAC 480-123-070(2):

None

4. Report 4: Report on Failure to Provide Service: WAC 480-123-070(3):

None

5. Report 5: Report on Complaints per 1000 Connections: WAC 480-123-070(4):

None

6. Report 6: Annual Plan: WAC 480-123-080(1):

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, 2015, through December 31, 2015, are projected to be \$350,000 for gross capital expenditures and \$2,312,700 for operating expenses. Major projects are disclosed on FCC Form 481 filed with the Commission on June 30, 2014 in Docket No.UT-143013 which contains the Company's five year plan. The FCC Form 481 filed this year contains the January 1 to June 30, 2015 financial progress report. The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2014, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and increased depreciation on new investment placed in service. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period.

7. Report 7: Plan of Investments and Expenditures: WAC 480-123-080(2):

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, 2016, through December 31, 2016, will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2014, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and increased depreciation on new investment placed in service. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. Major projects are disclosed on FCC Form 481 as referenced in Report 6, above. The Company has not completed its budgeting process and does not have final numbers prepared for investment and expense levels for 2016. The Company expects that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will allow the Company to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. All customers in the Company's designated ETC service area will benefit from the expected level of support by continuing to have available to them services that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.