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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, 2021

Westgate Communication LLC ("WeavTel" or the "Company") hereby 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 2020 as follows:

The funds from the universal service communication program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

During 2020, Westgate used Federal High Cost Funds to continue to operate the company and provision services as required by federal regulations. Westgate increased its plant, efficiencies and maintained its existing customer levels during 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Company invested and completed a multi-year building project in the upper Stehekin Valley totaling \$17,426 that will assist with the installation, maintenance and recording keeping associated with voice and data customers. Westgate also added \$1,893 of transmission Central Office Equipment to upgrade its existing E911 service and upgraded its power capacity in Stehekin.

In addition, the Company started or continued with several construction projects during 2020. Circuit equipment investments totaling \$7,048 were made to engineer, construct and provisions a new earth station in the Stehekin exchange to provide 25/3 mbps broadband speeds. WeavTel also started construction of a new 50-foot tower in the Stehekin exchange to expand the Company's network coverage and provide enhanced connectivity for voice and broadband customers. To date, the Company has invested \$24,081 of funds to construct this tower.

The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform these projects, including, without limitation, the repayment of RUS loan funds.

During 2020, the Company's gross capital expenditures were \$23,140. The Company's 2020 operating expenses were \$694,017. Recent major projects are referenced above.

Per the direction of Commission Staff, the NECA -1 report will be provided as soon as it is available and no later than August 1, 2021.



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2. Report 2: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investments and expenses reported 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 improved

and expanded its existing customer service area by continuing to invest in its network and infrastructure in 2020. These investments combined with the current construction projects will allow WeavTel to improve and expand service in the Stehekin Valley including provisioning voice and broadband service throughout the study area at speeds that exceed federal requirements.

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 continued to make 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 is expanding its network over the past several years so that it can provide 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.

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

None. Outages are listed on the report labeled (210) Reportable Voice Service Outages on FCC Form 481. WeavTel reported zero local service outages during 2020.

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

None. WeavTel had no unfulfilled service requests and no unfulfilled broadband requests as identified on lines 300 and 320 of FCC Form 481.

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

None. The Company had no voice or broadband complaints as identified on line 410 and 440 of FCC Form 481.

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

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



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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, 2021, through December 31, 2021, are projected to be \$130,000 for gross capital expenditures and \$600,000 for operating expenses. Major projects include continuing work on constructing towers, completion of the new earth station and tower projects in Stehekin, purchasing and installing a generator at the Stehekin central office to provide battery charging at all times, construction of a conduit system upgrade in Stehekin, recertification of the Manson and Stehekin earth stations and provisioning additional subscriber transmission equipment to improve and expand voice and broadband service in the Stehekin Valley.

The Company expects that levels of expenses will remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2020, 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.

7. Report 7: Annual Plan: WAC 480-123-080(1):

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the planned investment related to Washington state for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, will be higher than the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2021 while anticipated operating expenses will be similar to those incurred during 2021, 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 below.

As outlined in Report 6 above, the Company intends to add \$130,000 in telecommunications plant in 2021 to expand and improve its network infrastructure for existing and anticipated new customers. These upgrades will provide customers with voice and higher speed broadband data offering in the Company's service area.

The Company does not anticipate adjusting existing staffing levels for the relevant period. Major projects are referenced in Report 6, above. The company expects investment and expenses to be relatively consistent with the prior year. WeavTel 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 telecommunications services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.