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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

IN RE

PETITION OF WESTGATE
COMMUNICATIONS LLC (DBA
WEAVTEL) TO RECEIVE SUPPORT
FROM THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

DOCKET NO.

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

COMES NOW Westgate Communications LLC d/b/a “WeavTel” (the "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”), including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2023.

I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100

1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC 480-120-021 that serves fewer than forty thousand access lines within the state.

- 1 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined
2 in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h).
- 3 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange
4 telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 5 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company has established a plan, as described in WAC 480-
6 123-110, to provide, maintain or enhance broadband service (See II.4, below).
- 7 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an
8 eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") for purposes of receiving federal universal
9 services support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for
10 High Cost Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking
11 Program support.

12 13 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 14 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications
15 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Westgate Communications LLC
16 d/b/a "WeavTel".
- 17 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
18 the Company and affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. ¹
19 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in
20 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2. ²

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23 ¹ Pursuant to agreement with Commission Staff, Exhibit 1 is limited to those affiliates having transactions with the
Company that are to be identified in Exhibit 2.

24 ² Pursuant to agreement with the Commission Staff, Exhibit 2 is limited to transactions other than employment
25 compensation and benefits pursuant to employ benefit plans. Exhibit 2 also includes transactions between the Company
and its affiliate, WeavNet.

- 1 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.
2 63 of the Company's Tariff WN U-2.
- 3 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): The Company's broadband plan to provide, maintain, or enhance
4 broadband services in its service area is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 5 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
6 Company complies with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment
7 rules pertaining to incumbent local exchange carriers is attached as Exhibit 4.
- 8 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
9 the Company as of December 31, 2021, was 52. The number of residential local exchange
10 access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2020, was 49. The number of
11 business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2021, was
12 30. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of
13 December 31, 2020, was 35. The number of broadband connections served by the Company
14 as of December 31, 2021, was 12. The number of broadband connections served by the
15 Company as of December 31, 2020, was 12. Presently, of the 302 locations (232 FCC
16 Alternative Connect Cost Model (A-CAM) mandated locations and 70 WUTC mandated
17 locations ("Category Two Broadband Deployment Obligation") specified in Docket UT-
18 190437 and General Order R-598), the Company is required to serve with 25 Mbps
19 downstream/3 Mbps upstream or higher broadband service, none have access to the
20 benchmark broadband speeds. The Company anticipates that 93 of the FCC required
21 locations and 28 of the WUTC required locations WeavTel committed to in General Order
22 R-598, will have access to 25/3 Mbps broadband speeds by January 1, 2023. The
23 unbundled monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange
24 access service on December 31, 2021, was \$25.00. The unbundled monthly recurring rate
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1 charged by the Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31,
2 2020, was \$25.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged by the Company for single line
3 business local exchange access service on December 31, 2021, was \$35.00. The unbundled
4 monthly rate charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service
5 on December 31, 2020, was \$35.00. The unbundled monthly rate charged for broadband
6 service as of December 31, 2021, and as of December 31, 2020, is set out in the attached
7 Exhibit 5.

- 8 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statements are attached as Exhibit 6.
- 9 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h)(i): A sworn statement by a Company officer certifying that the
10 Company is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's obligation for
11 deployment of broadband at speeds specified by the Federal Communications Commission
12 applicable to the Company and that the Company meets one of the eligibility criteria set out
13 in WAC 480-123-110(1)(j)(ii), (iii) or (iv) is attached at Exhibit 7.
- 14 9. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

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17 Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2022.

18 Westgate Communications LLC

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21 By _____
22 Richard J. Weaver, General Manager

1 CERTIFICATION

2 I Richard J. Weaver, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the Company's
3 business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information and
4 representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has not knowingly
5 withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the rules
6 governing the Program.
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