

August 1, 2018

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Mr. Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: 2018 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program – CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-110, on behalf of Kalama Telephone Company ("Company") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the Universal Communications Services Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

The petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110 accompany this letter and are being filed electronically via the Commission's web portal. This filing consists of an electronic version (in .pdf format) of this cover letter and electronic versions (in .pdf format) of both redacted and unredacted versions of the petition and exhibits. In addition, electronic versions (in Excel (.xlsx) format) of the Financial Template (from which Exhibit 4 has been generated) and Exhibit 4.1 (containing broadband connection and gross capital expenditure information) are being included in this filing.

Please note that portions of the information in the petition and accompanying exhibits, as well as the above-mentioned electronic version (in Excel format) of Exhibit 4.1, are being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. The Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect thereto. The basis for this claim is that the portions of the petition, including the exhibits, that have been designated as confidential, and the Excel file of Exhibit 4.1, contain valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information.¹

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¹ Other persons (including entities) that might be directly affected by disclosure of the confidential information include each of the entities shown on Exhibit 1 to the above-mentioned petition, as well as the individual owners of the Company's parent company, Scatter Creek Limited.

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If the Commission has any questions regarding the enclosed petition, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at <u>rick@scattercreek.net</u> or call me at (360) 264-2915.

Sincerely,

Rick Vitzthum Chief Financial Officer

Accompanying files (including this file): NEW-KalamaTelCo-CLtr-UCSP-2018-08-01.pdf NEW-KalamaTelCo-PET-UCSP-2018-08-01(C).zip NEW-KalamaTelCo-PET-UCSP-2018-08-01(R).zip