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Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications

SCHEDULE 3

WASHINGTON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Company participates in the Washington Telephone Assistance Program (“WTAP”), as provided in RCW 80.36.410 through .470, and Chapters 480-122 and 388-273 of the Washington Administrative Code (collectively the “WTAP laws”), offers to eligible subscribers the WTAP and applies to switched access lines within its exchange areas the excise tax related to the WTAP described therein.

Subscribers eligible to participate in the WTAP, as well as certain subscribers eligible to participate under rules of the Federal Communications Commission, may also be eligible for the Lifeline service offering (“Lifeline service”) under Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”). Within the service areas for which the Company is designated as an “eligible telecommunications carrier” pursuant to Subpart C of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, the Company offers Lifeline service to qualifying low-income consumers.

Lifeline service is a non-transferable retail local service offering that is available only to qualifying low-income consumers and for which qualifying low-income consumers pay charges that have been reduced in accordance with Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR and, to the extent applicable, the WTAP laws. In addition, for “eligible residents of Tribal lands,” as defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, the Company's Lifeline service charges are further reduced in accordance with Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

The Company's offering of Lifeline service includes “toll limitation” only in the form of “toll blocking” (and not “toll control”), as those terms are defined in Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR. “Toll blocking” is available with respect to Company-provided Lifeline service at no Company charge to the Company's subscriber to such Lifeline service.

On the issue date of this tariff sheet, “toll blocking” is defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, as “a service provided by an eligible telecommunications carrier that lets subscribers elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from their telecommunications channel.” “Toll blocking” does not necessarily result in the blocking of collect calls to the subscriber's telephone line or the blocking of calls billed from another location to the subscriber's telephone line.

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SCHEDULE 3 (Cont.)

If the service areas for which the Company is designated as an “eligible telecommunications carrier” pursuant to Subpart C of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR includes any “Tribal lands,” as that term is used in § 54.413 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR, then, with respect to such “Tribal lands,” the Company also offers “Tribal Link Up,” as defined in § 54.413 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR to “eligible residents of Tribal lands,” as defined in § 54.400 of Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR. Tribal Link Up provides, under certain circumstances, (i) a reduction of the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service and (ii) other benefits pertaining to such charge and to interest charges, if any, that may apply thereto, all as specified more fully in Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

The availability of the telephone assistance programs described in this schedule, or any of them, to any otherwise eligible subscriber or applicant may be subject to such subscriber or applicant granting his or her written consent to disclosure and/or transmission by the Company of certain information pertaining to that subscriber or applicant, including, but not necessarily limited to, his or her name, other subscriber- or applicant-identifying information, the service address to which the relevant telephone assistance program service is being applied for and/or is being furnished, the specific assistance program in which the subscriber or applicant participates or has applied to participate, and the date or dates of such participation or requested participation, all in accordance with the WTAP laws and/or Subpart E of Part 54 of Title 47 CFR.

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