## Pioneer Telephone Co.

Local and Long Distance Service

Serving LaCrosse, Endicott, Winona, Hooper, Dusty and Hay

BY UTC WEB PORTAL

June 29, 2015

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

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

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Pioneer Telephone Company ("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 accompany this letter. The two NECA Report-1 documents, copies of which are included in this filing, have been provided by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. and are not available to the Company in native format; therefore, only a .pdf copy of each of those reports is being submitted.

For the Commission's information, in addition to the Lifeline advertisement covered in the accompanying certifications, the Company posts the Lifeline/WTAP information in the Company's LaCrosse business office, has pamphlets available for such services in that business office, lists the Lifeline/WTAP services available in the Company's published telephone directory and provides the Lifeline/WTAP information to all new customers at the time the customer subscribes for telephone service.

Sincerely

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President

Accompanying documents

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

## July 1, 2015 Pioncer Telephone Company

- I, Durand Cox, being of lawful age, state that I am President of Pioneer Telephone Company ("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 29th day of June 2015, at LaCrosse, Washington.

Company: Pioneer Telephone Company

Type Name: Durand Cox

Its: President