

**BY UTC WEB PORTAL**

June 29, 2016

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

Re: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' Annual Certification  
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 information in the Company's LaCrosse business office, has pamphlets available for such services in that business office, lists the Lifeline services available in the Company's published telephone directory and provides the Lifeline information to all new customers at the time the customer subscribes for telephone service.

Sincerely,

Durand Cox  
President

Accompanying documents