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

**RE: Copy of FCC ETC Report (481 Data) and Request for Confidential Treatment
Docket No. UT-180004
Lewis River Telephone Company – SAC 522427**

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) who receive federal high cost or low income support are required to file annual reports (“Annual ETC Reports”) pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422 with the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”). The Annual ETC Reports are required to be filed on FCC Form 481, with attached materials.

In the past, the FCC has required carriers to provide a copy of their Form 481 with state commissions. While the FCC has eliminated that requirement beginning with this year’s filing, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has requested to continue receiving a copy. In fulfillment of this requirement, Lewis River Telephone Company, (the “Company”) has enclosed a confidential and redacted copy of its FCC Form 481.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, the Company requests that information identifying anchor institutions be treated confidentially and not subject to public inspection. This information is competitively sensitive and is not normally released to the public. The Company competes with cable operators and wireless carriers and the information in question relates to services subject to competition. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Company.

The confidential information has been redacted from the public version with black shading, [REDACTED], indicating where confidential information was redacted.

Please contact Gail Long at (541) 516-8210 or me at the number listed below if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures
cc: Gail Long