

REPORT OF HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO., INC. UNDER THE  
WASHINGTON UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 480-123-130

July 1, 2016

Docket No. UT-151549

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1. WAC 480-123-130(1)(a) - Access Lines Served [NECA 1.3 working loops]

	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2015
Residential	627	613
Business	222	224

2. WAC 480-123-130(1)(b) - Use of Support

The funds received by the Company from the universal service communications program in calendar year 2015 represents monies that the Company formerly received through the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pooling process and the reduction of support under the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) CAF ICC Program. As such, the funds from the universal service communications program contributed to the ongoing operation and maintenance expenses of the Company. The funds from the universal service communication program are contributing to the Company's ongoing provision of high-quality basic telecommunications service to customers residing in the area the Company serves.

In January 2015, the Company received \$59,814 from the universal service communications program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 representing the reduction in support from the CAF ICC Program.

During 2015 the Company acquired a mapping system for approximately \$73,500, installed a fiber-to-the-home project for approximately \$137,800, acquired general support asset additions of approximately \$85,000, upgraded fiber cable to its interexchange route for approximately \$92,800 and installed of fiber drops for approximately \$14,000. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those projects, including, without limitation, the repayment of loan funds.

In December 2015, the Company received \$117,214 from the universal service communications program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 which represents monies that the Company formerly received through the WECA pooling process and the reduction of support under the FCC's CAF ICC Program.

During the first six months of 2016 the Company upgraded its computer network for approximately \$37,300, acquired other work equipment for approximately \$12,400 and installed fiber drops for approximately \$9,000. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as contributing to the Company's ability to perform those projects, including, without limitation, the repayment of loan funds. In the second half of 2016 the Company plans to implement additional fiber-to-the-home projects for the approximately \$187,000 and upgrade its power system for approximately \$50,000.

3. WAC 480-123-130(1)(c) - Unfilled Consumer Requests for New Basic Telecommunications Service\*

None

\* Service requests that are ongoing but still within normal processing times are not counted as unfulfilled.

4. WAC 480-123-130(1)(e) - FCC Form 477

This form was previously filed on or about March 1, 2016 under Docket UT-160032.

5. WAC 480-123-130(1)(f) - Report on Operational Efficiencies/Business Plan Modifications

The Company continually reviews its operations to determine if efficiencies can be achieved. The Company already has a plan in place to concentrate on improving broadband service capabilities while continuing to provide high-quality basic telecommunications service to the customers that are located within the area that the Company serves. The Company plans to continue to install fiber-to-the-home to targeted areas throughout its study area in the coming years. The funds received from the universal service communications program can be viewed as assisting in the Company's efforts to obtain operational efficiencies.

6. WAC 480-123-130(1)(g) and (h) - Other information

Not applicable.

Certified Statement as required by WAC 480-123-130(1)(d):

I, Richard Buechel, am an officer of Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc., and upon personal knowledge and with responsibility therefore, hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. materially complied with Commission rules under Chapter 480-120 WAC that are applicable to the Company and its provision of service within the area for which the Company received universal service communications program support.

Signed at Union, Washington this 29 day of June, 2016.



Richard Buechel  
President