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RE: Docket UT-190005 – Copies of FCC Form 481 Information Submitted by All ETCs to the Federal Communications Commission Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and §§54.422

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“Pend Oreille”) (SAC 522418), a privately-held rate of return carrier receiving high cost universal service support, has submitted the FCC Form 481 to the Universal Service Administrative Company in compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422.

Pend Oreille also files its confidential and redacted copies with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission and requests that this filing be treated confidentially subject to Washington Code 480-07-160. As specified in the WAC 480-07-140, copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked “REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION” and the confidential information is marked – CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160”. Please be advised that a native version of the files is not available.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tym Rutkowski
Authorized Representative for
Pend Oreille Telephone Company

TR/jr

cc: Michael J. Martell , Pend Oreille Telephone Company

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2018

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<015> Study Area Name	PEND OREILLE TEL.
<020> Program Year	2020
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Susan Case
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	2083662614 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	susan.case@ruraltel.org
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form**

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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? _____

<220>	<a>	<b1>	<b2>	<b3>	<b4>	<c1>	<c2>	<d>	<e>	<f>	<g>	<h>
	NORS Reference Number	Outage Start Date	Outage Start Time	Outage End Date	Outage End Time	Number of Customers Affected	Total Number of Customers	911 Facilities Affected (Yes / No)	Service Outage Description (Check all that apply)	Did This Outage Affect Multiple Study Areas (Yes / No)	Service Outage Resolution	Preventative Procedures

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
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<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	522418wa610.pdf

**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Kalispel Tribe

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

522418wa920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(5) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
Not Applicable
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Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

522418wa1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification No - Unable to certify to broadband rate comparability

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

<1140> Alaska Plan rate-of-return certification (yes, no, or not applicable) of compliance with approved performance plan.

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">522418wa1210.pdf</div> <p style="margin-top: 5px;">Name of Attached Document</p>
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<1220> Link to Public Website	HTTP <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/>
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“Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|--|-------------------------------------|
- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|---|-------------------------------------|

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2018.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

**(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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(3007) Does this filing retain a Cost Consultant and/or Firm, or other Third Party to prepare financial and operations data disclosures submitted to the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), USAC, or the Administrator?

(3007a) Name of Consultant	(3007b) Name of Consultant Firm/Third Party

CAF BLS Reporting

(3008A) Please indicate whether new locations were deployed during the prior calendar year. (Yes/No)

(3008B) Please enter the number of new locations deployed in the prior calendar year associated with each of the following speed tiers.

(3008B1) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps but less than 25/3 Mbps.

(3008B2) Number of newly built locations with access to broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps or higher.

(3008C) Please provide the percentage of deployment across the entire study area.

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Yes - Attach Certification

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)} No - No New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} Yes No

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No) Yes No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No) Yes No

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or

(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)	FCC Form 481
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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	3831469
(3028) Operating Expenses	2559679
(3029) Net Income	1049196
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	18281741
(3031) Total Assets	5948430
(3032) Total Debt	1086015
(3033) Total Equity	4159176
(3034) Dividends	0

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations and provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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5005 Alaska Plan

(5010) Do you participate in the Alaska plan? (Yes/No)

(5011) Please indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas previously served exclusively by performance-limiting satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

(5012) If the filing carrier identified in its approved performance plans that it relies exclusively on satellite backhaul for a certain portion of the population in its service area, indicate whether any terrestrial backhaul or other satellite backhaul became commercially available in the previous calendar year in areas that were previously served exclusively by satellite backhaul. (Yes/No)

<5013>	<a> Description Of Backhaul Technology	 Date Backhaul Available	<c> Newly Served Locations or Population

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2018
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Moss Adams LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: Moss Adams LLP	
Name of Reporting Carrier: PEND OREILLE TEL.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/26/2019
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mark Martell	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Administrative Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2083662614 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 522418	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2019
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: PEND OREILLE TEL.	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: Moss Adams LLP	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/26/2019
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: Samantha Simatos	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Staff	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5097770209 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 522418	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2019
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Attachments

LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“the Company”) is able to function in emergency situations for both voice and broadband service. The Company has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Back-up power is provided to the Company’s central offices through a generator and batteries that provide eight hours of emergency power. In addition, the Company’s field electronics have eight to 12 hours of back-up power via generators and batteries.

The Company is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. It has synchronous optical network (“SONET”) technology deployed in its core fiber optic network that is self-healing and will automatically reroute traffic should a fiber cut occur. The Company also has sufficient spare cards for its fiber optic network to provide almost instantaneous replacement should there ever be a card failure in the core network and has proper staff in place to repair any fiber cuts in a timely manner. In addition, the Company has connectivity with neighboring telephone exchanges as well as the LATA tandem to provide diverse options to reroute traffic should an emergency arise.

The Company is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has sufficient switching capabilities to handle such situations. In addition, it has developed and trained its staff on network preparedness plans in case of emergency situations.

LINE 920 – TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT OBLIGATION

Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“the Company”) provides service on the Tribal lands of the Kalispel Tribe. In 2018, the Company sent two letters to the Chairman of the Kalispel Tribe’s Business Council, the first on May 21, 2018, and the second November 5, 2018. The letters expressed interest in scheduling a meeting to discuss the issues set forth in Sec. 54.313(a)(5) of the FCC’s rules. Both letters are attached.

By the end of 2018, the Company had not received a response from the Kalispel Tribal government. The Company will continue its outreach to the Kalispel Tribe and is prepared to discuss with them the issues delineated in Sec. 54.313(a)(5) or any other concerns the Tribe may have regarding the Company’s services.



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May 21, 2018

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Kalispel Tribal Headquarters
Business Council
Glen Nenema, Chairman
P.O. Box 39
Usk, WA 99180

RE: Annual Tribal Government Engagement

Dear Chairman Nenema:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice on July 19, 2012 by the Office of Native Affairs and Policy; which provides guidance on Tribal obligation. The FCC adopted a Tribal government engagement requirement for all eligible telecommunications carriers that are currently serving or are seeking to serve tribal lands. The Tribal government engagement requirement is intended to benefit Tribal government leaders, communication service providers and consumers living on Tribal lands, ultimately providing greater connectivity, economic opportunities, education, health care and public safety.

Enclosed for your convenience, reference and review is a copy of the Public Notice released July 19, 2012, by the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy, which provides further guidance on the Tribal government engagement obligations.

At your earliest convenience, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from you so we may coordinate and schedule a meeting to discuss: Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions; Feasibility and sustainability planning; how best we may implement Marketing services to the Kalispel Tribe; Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes; and Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements. We realize these are important issues and vital to the successful deployment and provision of communication services on Tribal lands.

Sincerely,

Mark Martell
Administrative Manager

Attachment FCC Notice
7-19-12
incl.
mailed 5/21/18

Enclosure



PEND OREILLE TELECOM

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RE: Annual Tribal Government Engagement

Dear Chairman Nenema:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice on July 19, 2012 by the Office of Native Affairs and Policy; which provides guidance on Tribal obligation. The FCC adopted a Tribal government engagement requirement for all eligible telecommunications carriers that are currently serving or are seeking to serve tribal lands. The Tribal government engagement requirement is intended to benefit Tribal government leaders, communication service providers and consumers living on Tribal lands, ultimately providing greater connectivity, economic opportunities, education, health care and public safety.

Enclosed for your convenience, reference and review is a copy of the Public Notice released July 19, 2012, by the FCC's Office of Native Affairs and Policy, which provides further guidance on the Tribal government engagement obligations.

At your earliest convenience, I would sincerely appreciate hearing from you so we may coordinate and schedule a meeting to discuss: Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions; Feasibility and sustainability planning; how best we may implement Marketing services to the Kalispel Tribe; Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes; and Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements. We realize these are important issues and vital to the successful deployment and provision of communication services on Tribal lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Case
HR Manager

Enclosure

Included attachment
Public notice 7/19/12 FCC
mailed 11/5/18

LINE 1010 – VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

The Wireline Competition Bureau’s 2019 reasonable comparability benchmark for fixed residential local voice services is \$51.61.¹

As of January 1, 2019, the highest rate charged by Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“the Company”) for fixed residential local voice service was \$15.75. When state regulated fees (\$2.25) and the federal subscriber line charge (\$6.50) are included, the total rate was \$24.50. Therefore, the Company’s pricing of fixed residential local voice services is less than the reasonable comparability benchmark of \$51.61.

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of 2019 Urban Rate Survey for Fixed Voice and Broadband Services, Posting of Survey Data and Explanatory Notes, and Required Minimum Usage Allowance for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 18-1280 (rel. Dec. 20, 2018).

LINE 1210 – TERMS & CONDITIONS OF VOICE TELEPHONY LIFELINE PLANS

Residential customers of Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“the Company”) residing on non-Tribal lands who qualify for the Lifeline program receive a federal discount of \$9.25 on local voice telephony service. Residential customers of the Company residing on Tribal lands who qualify for the Lifeline program receive a discount of \$24.50 on local voice telephony service (\$9.25 federal discount + additional \$15.25 federal Tribal discount).

In all of the Company’s exchanges, the Lifeline single-line residential rate for non-Tribal customers, including a mandatory extended area service (“EAS”) charge and the federal subscriber line charge (“SLC”), is \$15.25 (\$24.50 standard rate - \$9.25 discount). The Lifeline single-line residential rate for customers residing on Tribal lands, including a mandatory EAS charge and the federal SLC, is \$0 (\$24.50 standard rate - \$24.50 discount).

All single-line residential customers, including Lifeline customers, have an unlimited number of minutes for calls made within their local calling area.

Toll charges for calls outside of the local calling area are determined by the long distance carrier of the customer’s choosing. Lifeline customers may elect to subscribe to toll blocking at no charge.

Lifeline program reductions do not apply to additional services such as custom calling features. Lifeline customers may subscribe to these services, where available, at the same rates offered to other customers.

Additional information regarding the Lifeline program is available at http://www.rtc.net/Washington/Lifeline_Program.aspx.

LINE 3010 – CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST OBLIGATIONS

Pend Oreille Telephone Company (“the Company”) hereby certifies that the Company has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service were met within a reasonable amount of time.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.	
	BORROWER NAME Pend Oreille Telephone Company (Prepared with Audited Data)	
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	PERIOD ENDING December, 2018	BORROWER DESIGNATION WA0545

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects. | <input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report |
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Mark Martell

6/26/2019

DATE

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	1,309,923	1,488,871	25. Accounts Payable	268,919	163,218
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	865	865	26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	287,151	0
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	4,850	5,970
b. Other Accounts Receivable	810,957	640,409	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	180,391	183,970
c. Notes Receivable	85,735	85,056	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	35,663	42,352	32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable	252,218	334,940	33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities	60,516	48,862
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	801,827	402,020
6. Material-Regulated	227,782	227,707	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated	11,492	16,595	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	890,488	782,498
8. Prepayments		12,595	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets	67,322	69,816	38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
D. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	2,801,957	2,919,206	39. Funded Debt-Other	195,085	119,547
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
1. Investment In Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Reacquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
2. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	232,647	209,490	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	1,085,573	902,045
3. Nonregulated Investments	15,872	93,961	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
4. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	231,579	320,432
5. Deferred Charges	610	454	48. Other Deferred Credits		
6. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	205,953	164,757
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	249,129	303,905	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	437,532	485,189
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	17,689,008	18,281,741	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	2,666,346	2,666,346
9. Property Held for Future Use	1,250	1,250	52. Additional Paid-In-Capital		
10. Plant Under Construction	70,337	294,962	53. Treasury Stock		
11. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	72,321	63,961	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
12. Less Accumulated Depreciation	15,449,090	15,916,595	55. Other Capital		
13. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	2,383,826	2,725,319	56. Patronage Capital Credits		
14. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	443,634	1,492,830
	5,434,912	5,948,430	58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	3,109,980	4,159,176
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	5,434,912	5,948,430

Total Equity = 69.92% % of Total Assets

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**OPERATING REPORT FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS**

BORROWER DESIGNATION

WA0545

PERIOD ENDING

December, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues	422,422	399,250
2. Network Access Services Revenues	3,227,453	3,469,405
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	19,940	23,106
6. Uncollectible Revenues	79,196	60,292
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	3,590,619	3,831,469
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense	638,843	717,699
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	362,420	357,713
10. Depreciation Expense	474,380	480,163
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense	164,821	174,466
13. Corporate Operations Expense	824,192	829,638
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	2,464,656	2,559,679
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	1,125,963	1,271,790
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes	377,425	262,089
19. Other Taxes	93,308	78,353
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	470,733	340,442
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	655,230	931,348
22. Interest on Funded Debt	68,907	59,997
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense	1,762	2,788
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	4,923	2,922
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	65,746	59,863
27. Nonoperating Net Income	13,834	14,671
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income	148,208	163,040
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	751,526	1,049,196
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	(307,892)	443,634
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	443,634	1,492,830
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	250,288	245,658
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.6854	0.6316
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	0.8358	0.7725
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	12.4307	18.5266
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	5.1607	6.4692

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION							
EXCHANGE	1. RATES		2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Metaline Falls	21.65	18.00	86	213	299	394.21	107.00
Ione	21.65	18.00	83	537	620	1,520.49	660.00
Cusick	21.65	18.00	136	313	449	1,536.05	417.71
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						0.00	0.00
Total			305	1,063	1,368	3,450.75	1,184.71
No. Exchanges	3						

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Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION

4. BROADBAND SERVICE

Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service								
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Metaline Falls	241	139	18	768	256	39.95	StandAlone	DSL
Ione	436	423	59	768	256	39.95	StandAlone	DSL
Cusick	388	233	87	768	256	39.95	StandAlone	DSL
Total	1,065	795						

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PART D. SYSTEM DATA

1. No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	4. Access Lines per Square Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile
3	8	1,027	1.33	.40

PART E. TOLL DATA

1. Study Area ID Code(s) a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____ i. _____ j. _____	2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) Interstate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis Intrastate: <input type="checkbox"/> Average Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Basis
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PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR

1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended	
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended	
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval	
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended	
5. General Funds Expended (Other than Interim)	652,975
6. Salvaged Materials	
7. Contribution in Aid to Construction	
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)	652,975

PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES

INVESTMENTS (a)	CURRENT YEAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DATA		
	Investment This Year (b)	Income/Loss This Year (c)	Cumulative Investment To Date (d)	Cumulative Income/Loss To Date (e)	Current Balance (f)
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development					
2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development					

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES

Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)

YES NO

EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE
1. Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	16.00%
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft	0.01%
3. Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	0.01%
4. Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	16.00%
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	4.00%
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	6.25%
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	25.00%
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	9.00%
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical	0.01%
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems	0.01%
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems	0.01%
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	11.19%
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus	0.01%
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring	0.01%
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges	0.01%
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	0.01%
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment	0.01%
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	7.59%
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal	20.40%
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber	7.11%
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal	6.00%
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber	5.00%
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	6.00%
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	5.00%
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems	5.00%
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other	0.01%

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INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.		
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)		1,310,788
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2. Net Income		1,049,196
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3. Add: Depreciation		480,163
4. Add: Amortization		0
5. Other (Explain) depreciation adjustment on new cable equipment		(4,298)
<i>Changes In Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable		81,137
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory		(5,028)
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges		(12,439)
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets		(2,494)
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(105,701)
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments		(287,151)
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities		(11,654)
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations		1,181,731
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable		679
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable		0
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits		1,120
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)		(179,949)
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits		47,657
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital		0
20. Less: Payment of Dividends		0
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired		0
22. Other (Explain)		
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities		(130,493)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)		(817,358)
25. Other Long-Term Investments		(54,932)
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences		0
27. Other (Explain)		
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities		(872,290)
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		178,948
30. Ending Cash		1,489,736

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