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7 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

8 IN RE

9 DOCKET NO.

10 PETITION OF ELLENSBURG  
11 TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A  
12 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO  
13 RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE  
14 UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
15 COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

16 PETITION FOR SUPPORT

17 COMES NOW Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications (the  
18 "Company") and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"),  
19 including, but not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and  
20 Transportation Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service  
21 Communications Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2015.

22 **I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100**

- 23 1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC  
24 480-120-021 that serves less than forty thousand access lines within the state.

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- 1 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined  
2 in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h) or has been designated as an incumbent local exchange carrier by  
3 the Federal Communications Commission.
- 4 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange  
5 telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 6 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company's rates for residential local exchange service, plus  
7 mandatory extended area service charges, are no lower than the local urban rate floor  
8 established by the Commission as the benchmark rate based on the Federal Communications  
9 Commission's national local urban rate floor pursuant to 47 C.F. R. Sec. 54.318 in effect on  
10 the date of this Petition.
- 11 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an  
12 eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal services  
13 support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for High Cost  
14 Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking Program support.

15 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 16 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications  
17 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: Ellensburg Telephone Company  
18 d/b/a FairPoint Communications.
- 19 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between  
20 the Company and all affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.  
21 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in  
22 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 23 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Sheet No.  
24 233 of the Company's Tariff WN U-4.
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- 1 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): A demonstration that the Company's customers are at risk of rate  
2 instability or service interruption or cessation in the absence of support from the Program is  
3 attached as Exhibit 3.
- 4 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(i): On the Commission's prescribed form, attached as Exhibit 4,  
5 are copies of the Company's balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, and December 31,  
6 2012, and copies of the Company's statements of income and retained earnings or margin for  
7 the years ended December 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012.
- 8 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(ii): A copy of the Company's consolidated annual financial  
9 statements for the years ended December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013, are  
10 attached as Exhibit 5.
- 11 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iii): Information demonstrating the Company's earned rate of  
12 return on a total Washington unseparated regulated operations basis for each of the two prior  
13 years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in Exhibit 4.
- 14 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iv): Information demonstrating the Company's earned return on  
15 equity on a total company (regulated and non-regulated) Washington basis for each of the  
16 two prior years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in  
17 Exhibit 4.
- 18 9. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(v): Information detailing all of the Company's revenues from the  
19 statements of income and retained earnings or margin in the same format and detail as is  
20 required to complete RUS Form 479 for the prior two years is presented on Exhibit 4.
- 21 10. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vi): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company officer  
22 with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that no corporate operations  
23 adjustment to existing high-cost loop and interstate common line support mechanisms  
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1 required by the Federal Communications Commission applied to the Company for the two  
2 prior years is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

3 11. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vii): Exhibit 4 contains additional supporting information  
4 requested by the Commission.

5 12. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(viii): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company  
6 officer with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that the Company complies  
7 with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment rules pertaining to  
8 incumbent local exchange companies is attached as Exhibit 8.

9 13. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A complete copy of the FCC Form 481 filed by the Company or  
10 on its behalf with the Federal Communications Commission for the calendar year preceding  
11 the current year has already been filed with the Commission. See the Company's filing in  
12 Docket No. UT-143013 filed on or about July 1, 2014.

13 14. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by  
14 the Company as of December 31, 2013, was 8,083. The number of residential local  
15 exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2012, was 9,319. The  
16 number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31,  
17 2013, was 4,687. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the  
18 Company as of December 31, 2012, was 4,825. The monthly recurring rate charged by the  
19 Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2013, was \$14.00.  
20 The monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access  
21 service on December 31, 2012, was \$10.00. The rate charged by the Company for single  
22 line business local exchange access service on December 31, 2013, was \$16.52. The rate  
23 charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on December  
24 31, 2012, was \$16.52. (The Company has other business local exchange service rates, but  
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1 the Company understands that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line  
2 business local exchange access service rate.)

3 15. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statement is attached as Exhibit 9.


4 16. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

5 Respectfully submitted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

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7 ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY  
8 D/B/A FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS

9 By Patrick L Morse, Sr VP Govt'l Affairs

10 CERTIFICATION

11 I , an officer of the Company that is responsible for the  
12 Company's business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the  
13 information and representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has  
14 not knowingly withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the  
15 rules governing the Program.

16 Patrick L. Morse, Sr VP Govt'l Affairs  
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