

BY HAND

July 23, 2015

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

Re: Replacement Page for 2015 ETC Certification and Reports Docket No. UT-151379

As per staff request, enclosed please find our replacement page 3 of our ETC ANNUAL REPORTS PER WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.



Sincerely,

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Steven M. Appelo President

Enclosure

Attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report¹ for the calendar year 2013. Per direction of Commission Staff, a copy of the Company's NECA -1 report for the calendar year 2014, that, as of the date of the report, the Company will have reported as the basis for support from the federal high-cost fund, will be provided to the Commission when it becomes available and no later than August 1, 2015.

2. <u>Report 2</u>: WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investments and expenses reported under Report 1, above, benefited consumers as follows:

Consumers served by the Company, as well as those consumers of other telecommunications service providers who may have communicated with the Company's customers utilizing telecommunications services provided by the Company, benefited from the use of high-cost fund support by continuing to receive high quality telecommunications services. Direct benefits within the Company's service area of specific projects are detailed in Report 1 above.

Through the expenditure of the federal high-cost support funds, the Company was able to continue to provide services at a level that the Company believes meets the intent set forth in 47 U.S.C § 254 of providing quality telecommunications services to customers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.² The Company has made substantial investments over the past several years which allow it to provide quality telecommunications services area. Those expenditures and investments, including those reflected in Report 1 above, generally benefit all customers receiving the federal high-cost fund supported services from the Company within its designated ETC service area. The Company has expanded its network over the past several years so that it is capable of providing access to broadband services throughout most of the Company's designated ETC service area. The Company offers services that are comparable to services in urban areas.

3. <u>Report 3</u>: Local Services Outage Report: WAC 480-123-070(2): On July 3, 2014 at 11:45 am we had an outage lasting approximately 2 hrs 15 minutes. It was caused by a breaker overload when power was restored after a public power outage. Temporary removal of a redundant rectifier resolved the problem. This affected 111 wireline customers of voice and VOIP in the Naselle area. In the future visual breaker inspections will be done for all power outages.

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- 4. <u>Report 4</u>: Report on Failure to Provide Service: WAC 480-123-070(3): None
- 5. <u>Report 5</u>: Report on Complaints per 1000 Connections: WAC 480-123-070(4):

None

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¹ The Company understands the reference to the "NECA-1 report" to refer to the values reported by the Company in response to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Universal Service Data Collection Form or its on-line equivalent pertaining to the subject year.

² The term "ETC" is used herein with the same meaning as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.