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Mr. Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Re: 2021 Petition to Receive Support from the State
Universal Communications Services Program –
CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-110, on behalf of Hat Island Telephone Company (“Company”) accompanying this letter for filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) is the Company’s petition to receive support for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, from the State Universal Communications Services Program established by RCW 80.36.350 (“Petition”).

The accompanying filing includes the petition for support and exhibits that are specified in WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. More specifically, this filing consists of an electronic version (in .pdf format) of this cover letter and electronic versions (in .pdf format) of both redacted and unredacted versions of the above-mentioned petition and exhibit 3.

Please note that portions of the information in the accompanying exhibit 3 is being filed on a confidential basis pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. The Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect thereto. The basis for this claim is that the portions of the petition, including exhibit 3, that have been designated as

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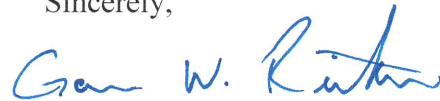
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confidential, contain valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information. As specified in WAC 480-07-160(5)(b)(i), all copies (both redacted and unredacted) of materials claimed to be confidential have been marked and highlighted in yellow "Shaded information is designated as confidential per WAC 480-07-160."

The redacted versions have been marked "REDACTED." The unredacted versions have been marked "UNREDACTED", and the information thereon that is claimed to be confidential has been highlighted with grey shading.

If the Commission has any questions regarding the enclosed petition, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at gary.ricketts@whidbeytel.com or call me at (360) 321-0051.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Ricketts
Secretary & Treasurer