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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: **2022 ETC Re-Certification Request and Annual Reports (CONFIDENTIAL)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, Columbia Energy, LLC ("Columbia"), by its attorney and pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, respectfully request that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") certify to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that Columbia has met the requirements of 47 CFR § 54.314 for eligibility for receipt of federal high-cost funds.

Provided with this letter are the annual reports and officer certifications specified in WAC 480-123-060 through WAC 480-123-080. This re-certification will benefit the public interest by increasing the availability, reliability, and quality of voice and internet services in rural communities and to ensure that these communities have access to what the state and federal government consider to be modern internet speeds. Please note that Exhibit B to the report contains proprietary financial information that is deemed confidential and is marked as such. This is a new filing that I understand will require a new docket number to be assigned ***Shaded information is designated as exempt per WAC 480-07-160.***

Please contact Gene Dawes at 509-526-4041 if you should have any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Alex M. Wilson'.

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