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Mr. Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Re: 2023 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program – CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-110, on behalf of Kalama Telephone Company ("Company") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to receive support from the State Universal Communications Services Program for the Program year 2024.

As of June 30, 2022, the Company has completed all its Criterion Two broadband deployment obligation of 122 locations as required in General Order R-598 in Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Docket UT-190437.

Because of the CONFIDENTIAL nature of the information contained in the enclosed petition and accompanying exhibits, pursuant to RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160 the Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect to the petition and accompanying exhibits. The basis for this claim is that they contain valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information. Accordingly, in compliance with WAC 480-07-160(5)(c), unredacted and redacted versions of those documents are being filed. As specified in WAC 480-07-160(5)(c)(i), the unredacted version of materials claimed to be confidential have been marked "Shaded information is confidential per WAC 480-07-160." The information thereon that is claimed to be confidential has been clearly designated by highlighting with grey shading. The redacted versions have been marked "Redacted information is confidential per WAC 480-07-160."

If the Commission has any questions regarding the enclosed petition and exhibits, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at <u>rick@scattercreek.net</u> or call me at (360) 264-2915.

Sincerely,

Rick Vitzthum Chief Financial Officer