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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-043121 – Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. – Request for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier – Supplemental Information

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The purpose of this letter is to supplement the information filed in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc. ("Hood Canal"). Commission Staff has requested that the Request for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("Request") be supplemented with certain additional information. This letter will respond to that request. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, the original and nineteen copies are included.

The supplemental information is contained in the following numbered paragraphs:

1. Hood Canal is duly authorized to do business in the state of Washington and is a Washington corporation with its general offices in Union, Washington. Hood Canal is a telecommunications company as defined in RCW 80.04.010, authorized by the Commission to provide all local exchange telecommunications services in the state of Washington for those exchanges that Hood Canal undertakes to serve.

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- 2. Hood Canal is a telecommunications carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(44) and 47 C.F.R. § 51.5, and is a telecommunications carrier for purposes of 47 C.F.R Part 54.
- 3. For purposes of this Request, Hood Canal is a competitive local exchange carrier which provides interstate telecommunications services for purposes of 47 U.S.C. § 254(d) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(a).
- 4. Hood Canal currently provides for each of the wire centers<sup>1</sup> that it serves in the state of Washington, each of the services designated for support under 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a), utilizing its own facilities.
- 5. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(1)(B), Hood Canal presently advertises for the Union exchange and will advertise for the additional exchanges the availability of each of the supported services identified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101(a) for the wire centers in the state Washington that it serves using media of general distribution.
- 6. Hood Canal currently participates in the FCC's Lifeline and Link Up programs where it has been designated as an ETC in its Union exchange. As required, toll blocking will be provided to those who request it, and customers who choose toll blocking will not be required to pay a deposit. Hood Canal also participates in providing additional discounts through the Washington Telephone Assistance Program as set forth in RCW 80.36.410 through RCW 80.36.475 and Chapter 480-122 WAC. Hood Canal will continue to work with the Department of Social and Health Services to be sure that the program is provided in the additional exchanges if this Request is granted.
- 7. A grant of this Request is consistent with the public interest under Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 8. This application is to receive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in the Shelton, Hoodsport and Belfair exchanges where Qwest Corporation is the incumbent local exchange carrier. Qwest is not a rural telephone company as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(37).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For purposes of this letter, the terms "exchange" and "wire center" are used as synonyms.

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9. Granting this request will allow Hood Canal to be an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in all exchanges that it serves as either an incumbent local exchange carrier or a competitive local exchange carrier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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