

ETC ANNUAL REPORTS PER WAC 480-123-070 AND WAC 480-123-080

July 1, 2016
Kalama Telephone Company

Kalama Telephone Company (the "Company") hereby submits the following reports in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

1. Report 1: Report on use of funds: WAC 480-123-070(1)(a):

The Company used support from the federal high-cost fund in the calendar year 2015 as follows: To support investments made by the Company in telecommunications plant used to provide voice services, broadband services and other telecommunications services, and to defray operating expenses incurred by the Company in its provision of those services.

For the calendar year 2015, the Company's gross capital expenditures and operating expenses paid, in whole or in part, with support from the federal high-cost fund were \$429,649 and \$2,325,767, respectively. Major projects undertaken and completed in the calendar year 2015 include the following:

- 1) The Company installed backup power at two locations for its exchange line circuit equipment at a cost of approximately \$24,000. This project will improve service for 350 customers.
- 2) The Company installed exchange line circuit equipment at a cost of approximately \$81,800. This project will be used, in part, to provide a 10 gigabyte ring for the transport of voice and data. This project should improve service for 814 customers.
- 3) The Company installed exchange line circuit equipment at a cost of approximately \$22,100. This project will provide VDSL2 service or 15mb ADSL2+ service to 48 customers.
- 4) The Company installed Gigabit Passive Optical Network fiber to the home at a cost of approximately \$25,800. This project will improve voice service and increase broadband speeds for 32 customers.
- 5) The company replaced and upgraded its back-up power system. This project included replacing the existing 1978 70 KW generator with newer 80 KW generator and install new transfer panels to power all electrical panels. The approximate cost of this project is \$41,500. This project will improve voice and data service reliability.

Per instructions from Commission Staff a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report¹ for the calendar year 2015 that, as of the date of that 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, 2016.

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

Consumers served by the Company benefited from the use of high-cost fund support by continuing to receive high quality telecommunications services.

Through the expenditure of 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 to its customers in its designated ETC service 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 offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to rates for such services in urban areas.

3. Report 3: Local Services Outage Report: WAC 480-123-070(2):

None

4. Report 4: Report on Failure to Provide Service: WAC 480-123-070(3):

None

5. Report 5: Report on Complaints per 1000 Connections: WAC 480-123-070(4):

None

6. Report 6: Annual Plan: WAC 480-123-080(1):

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 in the same sense as the term is used in Chapter 480-123 WAC.

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, the Company's planned gross capital expenditures and operating expenses related to Washington State to be made, in whole or in part, with federal high-cost support to be received by the Company, during the calendar year 2017 are projected to be \$455,000 and \$2,523,043, respectively.

Major projects planned to be undertaken or completed in the calendar years 2016 are disclosed on FCC Form 481 filed with the Commission on June 28, 2016 in Docket No. UT-160030. The Company has not determined the major projects to be undertaken in the calendar year 2017, but a list of possible projects are disclosed in the Company's Five Year Plan included as part of the FCC Form 481 filed with the Commission on June 28, 2016 in Docket No. UT-160030.

The Company expects that levels of expenses in 2016 and 2017, respectively, will remain relatively the same as those it experience in calendar year 2015, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and increased depreciation on new investment placed in service. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period.

7. Report 7: Plan of Investments and Expenditures: WAC 480-123-080(2):

As they are known to the Company at the date of this Report, apart from major projects, the planned investment and expenses to be made with federal high-cost support related to Washington state for the calendar year 2017 are planned to remain relatively the same as those it experienced in calendar year 2015, subject to the effects of inflation, other commonly experienced changes in cost of labor and materials, and increased depreciation on new investment placed in service. The Company does not anticipate major adjustments in staffing levels for the relevant period. The Company has not completed its budgeting process for 2017, so the investment and expense figures presented in Report 6, above, for the calendar year 2017 are not yet final. The Company expects that the continued receipt of federal high-cost support will allow the Company to continue to provide the supported services at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas. All customers in the Company's designated ETC service area will benefit from the expected level of support by continuing to have available to them services that are comparable to the telecommunications services offered in urban areas at rates that are comparable to the rates for such services in urban areas.