

## EXHIBIT 9

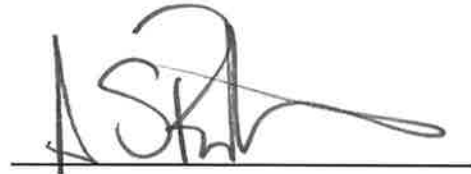
PETITION OF LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. D/B/A TDS TELECOM TO  
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CONTINUED OPERATIONS CERTIFICATE

I, Andrew S. Petersen, an officer of Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that if the Company receives Program support, the Company will continue to provide communications services pursuant to its tariffs on file with the Commission throughout its service territory in Washington for which the company is seeking and receives Program support during the entirety of 2018.

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS Petersen', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew S. Petersen  
VP-External Affairs & Communications