

## WECA MEMBER COMPANIES

Asotin Telephone Company  
Beaver Creek Telephone Company (1)  
CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc.  
CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.  
Computers 5\*, Inc.  
Ellensburg Telephone Company  
Hat Island Telephone Company  
Hood Canal Telephone Co. Inc.  
Inland Telephone Company  
Kalama Telephone Company  
Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.  
M&L Enterprises, Inc.  
Mashell Telecom, Inc.  
McDaniel Telephone Company  
Pend Oreille Telephone Company  
Pioneer Telephone Company  
St. John Telephone Company  
Tenino Telephone Company  
The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.  
Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company  
Westgate Communications, LLC (2)  
Whidbey Telephone Company  
YCOM Networks, Inc.

(1) Beaver Creek Telephone Company joined WECA effective July 1, 2006.

(2) Westgate Communications (d/b/a WeavTel) Joined WECA effective May 1, 2007.

## **2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Effective with a June 16, 2008 Bylaws amendment, the Subset A and Subset B classifications for Board membership were eliminated and the Board of Directors shall determine the number of Directors, up to ten, that will be elected at the next annual membership meeting. The following nine individuals were elected to Board positions at the June 26, 2008 annual membership meeting:

<b><u>INDIVIDUAL</u></b>	<b><u>AFFILIATION</u></b>
STEVE APPELO	WESTERN WAHKIAKUM COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY
JAMES BROOKS	INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY
RICHARD BUECHEL	HOOD CANAL TELEPHONE CO. INC.
STEVE HANSON (WECA SECRETARY/TREASURER)	TENINO TELEPHONE COMPANY
GAIL LONG	LEWIS RIVER TELEPHONE CO., INC
JANA MANTEROLA	ELLENSBURG TELEPHONE COMPANY
JACKIE PHILLIPS	CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC.
BOB SMITH (WECA PRESIDENT)	KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY
ROB SNYDER (WECA VICE-PRESIDENT)	WHIDBEY TELEPHONE COMPANY

## **UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND AND NON-TRAFFIC SENSITIVE FUND COMMITTEES:**

Committee members for the pool year ended December 31, 2008 were:

Bob Smith, Chairman  
Steve Appelo  
James Brooks  
Richard Buechel  
Steve Hanson  
Gail Long  
Jana Manterola  
Jackie Phillips  
Rob Snyder

The USF and the NTS Committees, which meet monthly, oversee the activities of the Traditional USF, the Interim USF and the CCL Pool, respectively.

### **Intrastate Telecommunications Plan (1987-2000)**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) adopted the Intrastate Telecommunications Plan (ITP) on December 30, 1986. WECA tariffs filed in accordance with the ITP became effective on April 1, 1987. The ITP established the USF and NTS Funds to provide for the pooling of revenues and expenses relating to the intrastate portion of non-traffic sensitive (NTS) costs. The NTS revenue requirements for the pools were based upon projected investment, expenses and separation factors. The revenues were collected through carrier common line and universal service fund access charges billed to long-distance carriers for access to the local network. On September 1, 2000, a new access plan, the Washington Access Carrier Plan (WCAP) was implemented.

### **Washington Access Carrier Plan (WCAP)**

The WCAP, which replaced the ITP, was approved by the WUTC to become effective on September 1, 2000. The WCAP established three voluntary pools related to intrastate NTS costs. The first of these pools is the universal service support pool created in the ITP, which is referred to in the WCAP as the "Traditional USF." The second of these pools involves the interim universal fund element created to comply with the WUTC's terminating access rule. This pool is referred to in the WCAP as the "Interim USF." The third pool deals with revenues produced by the originating carrier common line (CCL) rates assessed by participating companies. This pool is referred to in the WCAP as the "CCL Pool."

### **Traditional USF**

The Traditional USF pool is not open to new participants. The Traditional USF rate will remain frozen at \$.00152, except as it may be modified by the withdrawal of a participating LEC. The distributions from the Traditional USF are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the 1999 pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the exit of any participating LEC who leaves the Traditional USF pool.

All LECs operating within the state of Washington shall assess the Traditional USF rate at \$.00152 per access minute on all intrastate originating and terminating access minutes and shall remit the resulting revenues to WECA.

### **Interim USF**

All Washington LECs are eligible to participate in the Interim USF. The distributions from the Interim USF are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the prior pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the entry of a new participant, or the exit of any participating LEC from the Interim USF pool.

The Interim USF rate is applied to the terminating rated intrastate access minutes of pool participants. The resulting revenues are remitted to WECA and distributed to Interim USF pool participants monthly.

### **CCL Pool**

All Washington LECs are eligible to participate in the CCL Pool. The distributions from the CCL Pool are based upon distribution ratios calculated using the actual distributions received by participating LECs for the prior pool year. Distribution ratios will be adjusted to reflect the entry of a new participant, or the exit of any participating LEC from the CCL Pool.

The CCL Pool rate is applied to the originating rated intrastate access minutes of pool participants. The resulting revenues are remitted to WECA and distributed to CCL Pool participants monthly.

## **TARIFF BUREAU**

The WECA Tariff Bureau was formed to provide an open forum for member companies and other interested parties to jointly consider proposals for publication, amendment or cancellation of tariff schedules or related orders, rules, regulations and agreements governing Washington intrastate telecommunication services. The Tariff Bureau operates under Rules of Procedure that have been put in place by order of the WUTC. All proposals that are considered by WECA must be subject to WUTC jurisdiction. Any proposals that are approved by WECA, through its Tariff Bureau docket process, must be filed for approval by the WUTC.

The following dockets were addressed by WECA during 2008:

### **Docket #92-02 - Implementation and Oversight of the Data Distribution Center (DDC)**

Verizon initiated this Docket on July 2, 1992, to develop a plan for implementing a Primary Toll Carrier Plan (PTC) environment in the state of Washington. As a result of the meetings held in this docket, the Data Distribution Center (DDC) became operational in Washington on October 1, 1996.

This docket remains open to provide oversight of DDC operations. Quarterly meetings are held by the Technical Operations Committee.

### **Docket #02-01 - Bypass of Terminating Access Charges**

Docket #02-01 was initiated to investigate the bypass of terminating access charges through: (1) use of FGC termination of traffic originating from wireless and other carriers, (2) failure of interexchange carriers to modify PIUs and (3) other causes. At the docket meeting on April 29, 2002 it was determined that the docket would focus on FGC and EAS routing issues, along with wireless issues and PIUs. Docket work sessions were held during 2003, 2004 and early 2005 to address these issues.

A report and recommendation on docket issues was approved by the WECA Board at its September 27, 2005 meeting. The report and recommendation was filed with the WUTC requesting that they act on the report. No action has been taken on this request. This docket remains open.

WECA counsel has contacted WUTC Staff about reviving this docket, or opening a new docket on phantom traffic.