

## STATEMENT DEMONSTRATING FUNCTIONALITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

At line 600 of FCC Form 481, Western Telephone Company Cooperative certified that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R § 54.202(a)(1)(ii). This means that Western Telephone Company Cooperative has reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. This statement will detail how Western Telephone Company is prepared to ensure continued service in an emergency situation.

### Back-Up Power

Western Telephone Company has a back-up generator available with a minimum of a four hour power supply for its central office. In addition, it has portable generators available for remote sites.

### Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

Western Telephone Company has route redundancy for long distance service, E-911 trunking and SS7 signaling trunking.

In the case of isolated groups of customers that may suffer damage due to a cable cut, Western Telephone Company maintains sufficient staff and other resources to be able to put customers back in service in a very short amount of time. Western Telephone Company emergency service equipment is located within its exchange and requires very little time to dispatch.

### Traffic Spikes

Western Telephone Company outside plant is designed, engineered and built with sufficient capacity to handle traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has been able to do so in the past. Western Telephone Company is in an area where severe weather strikes periodically and has been able to handle communication needs at those times and has the experience from those situations to be able handle such emergency situations in the future.