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Mr. Dave Pratt
Utilities and Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: OFFENDER WELFARE BETTERMENT ACCOUNT

Dear Mr. Pratt:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry about using the Offender Welfare Betterment Account as a public use fund as a destination for unclaimed monies in the AT&T settlement agreement.

The Department believes that using the Offender Welfare Betterment Account (OBF) makes sense since the primary revenue source for this fund is telephone commissions from toll phones used by offenders. The assets of the OBF are used solely for offender betterment activities; which may enhance the security and orderly operation of a facility by reducing idleness and may encourage positive development of community ties.

Therefore, the Department is willing to be used as the public purpose fund and will accept the unclaimed refunds designated by the settlement agreement. Additionally, in accordance with RCW 72.09.095, twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount received will be deposited into the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

If you need additional information, please contact Anita Kendall at (360) 725-8295 or myself at (360) 725-8516. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melanie Roberts, Deputy Secretary
Office of Administrative Services

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