



## **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Economic Development Corporation**

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Washington Utility and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW  
Olympia, WA 98504

### **RE: UT 990146 Part C - Consumer Rules CR102**

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the CR102 phase of the WAC rules regarding Telecommunications. I am writing on behalf of thousands of low-income households in Indian country in the State of Washington. We have found during our outreach work, that while the WUTC WAC rules regarding telecommunications are helpful, the amendments as written along with our minor changes will make them more fair and consumer friendly.

Following are the changes, additions and deletions we would like made.

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**Section 480-120-X10** – We encourage the commission to adopt this new rule as written.

**Section 480-120-056 5 (b)** - We encourage adoption of this rule as amended.

**Section 480-120-051 (1)** - add (d) with the following language “Inform an applicant of the availability of Telephone Assistance Plans for low-income eligible participants”.

**Section 480-120-061 (6) line 420-424** – We support the additions in this section.

**Section 480-120-105(b) line 548** – Please keep “and the rates for each service”

**Section 480-120-105(d)** – remove the word “either” on line 554 and replace “or” with “and” on line 555

**Section 480-120-X33** – We request you to adopt this new section as written.

**Section 480-120-X30** – We request you adopt this new section as written.

**Part IV Section 480-120-081 (6)** - We request you add (vii) that includes the following wording; “The availability of payback arrangements option allowed for in the rules”.

**Section 480-120-X32** – We support this section with the following change. (1) line 1909 should read: “assistance rate required to be paid by the WTP or Tribal Lifeline participants as ordered by the”

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**Section 480-120-202 through 214 and Section 480-120-216** – We strongly encourage the Commission to adopt these new rules.

Section 480-120-1413 (f)– We encourage the commission to adopt this rule as amended.

Thank you again for taking the time to read and hopefully include the changes, additions, and deletions we have recommended.

Sincerely,

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