

May 21, 2002

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

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

Dear Commissioners,

In the spirit of government to government relations we welcome the opportunity to comment on the CR 102 phase of the WAC Telecom rules.

I appreciate the efforts that the Commission is making to ensure that consumers are protected from unfair practices by telecommunications providers in Washington State. I further applaud your work to simplify the rules in a format that makes them easier to read and understand. The model you have developed should be in every state.

As an elected leader for my Tribe I can speak on behalf of our tribal consumers when I say that we fully support the comments made by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians – Economic Development Corporation's Tribal Telephone Outreach Program. I encourage you to make the suggested changes in the language that ATNI-EDC Tribal Telephone Outreach made regarding the WAC rules for the CR102 phase.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Gordon Smith, Chairman  
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