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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
PO Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Pole Attachment Rulemaking, **Docket No. UT-970723**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In April, 1997, TCI Cablevision of Washington petitioned this Commission to adopt rules, regulations, and procedures regarding attachments to transmission facilities, and requested that the Washington Commission establish a specific rate making methodology for determination of just and reasonable attachment rates for the utility industry. This rulemaking before the Washington Commission has previously been delayed pending final action in a similar rulemaking before the FCC in Dockets 97-151 and 97-98. In order to be consistent with federal guidelines, and due to the fact that this issue is still active and pending before the FCC, AT&T respectfully requests that further activity by the Washington Commission in Docket 970723 continue to be deferred until similar issues are ultimately addressed and resolved at the FCC level.

AT&T therefore asks the Washington Commission to defer further action in this rulemaking proceeding until the FCC rulemakings are completed.

Sincerely,

Ron Gayman
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cc: Rebecca Beaton