

**Before the
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission**

In the Matter of Rulemaking Concerning) Docket No. UT-073014
Telecommunications Service (Line))
Extensions (WAC 480-120 and 480-)
123))

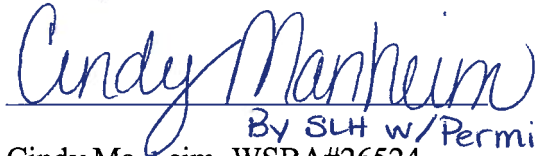
COMMENTS OF AT&T

AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., TCG Seattle., TCG Oregon, and, SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a SBC Long Distance d/b/a AT&T Long Distance, (collectively "AT&T") respectfully submit these brief comments in response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") notice issued in the above referenced docket.

AT&T has an interest in this docket as the current method for recovery of investment for a service extension is accomplished through increased access charges, meaning that the direct cost of service extensions constructed by local service providers is financed by long distance carriers. From the waiver requests previously received by the Commission regarding service extensions, it seems that more and more people are choosing to live in remote areas in Washington State where the terrain and/or circumstances to provide, let alone maintain, service to the customer at his or her house is extremely expensive. The rules proposed in this docket are appropriate in two important respects. First, the proposed rules properly eliminate the terminating access charge method of cost recovery for service extensions. Second, the proposed rules strike the appropriate balance for when a customer should be required to bear the cost of extending

plant to more remote locations. AT&T supports the Commission's adoption of the proposed rules.

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