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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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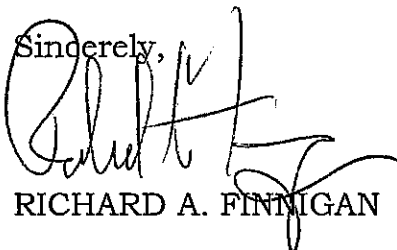
Re: Docket No. UT-053021

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA) has been working diligently since the issuance of the draft rules in this docket to develop comments. We have held two extensive meetings of WITA's members to review the issues presented by the draft rules and to prepare comments.

There has been many, many hours of work put into draft comments. However, it now appears that WITA will be unable to meet the date for submitting comments of November 15, 2005.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request an extension of the date for filing comments to November 22, 2005. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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