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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UT-023003; Need for Scheduled Hearing Dates

Dear Ms. Washburn:

AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. ("AT&T") provides the following response to the Request for Comments on Need for Scheduling Hearing Dates in the above-referenced docket. While AT&T appreciates the Commission's scheduling constraints, AT&T continues to believe that the June 2-4, 2004 hearing dates are necessary. Most significantly, at least two of AT&T's witnesses will be out of the country during the first scheduled week of hearings and are only available during the first week of June. AT&T nevertheless believes that a full two weeks of hearings is not likely to be necessary, and is willing to work with the Commission and the parties to modify the current hearing schedule.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this issue.

Very truly yours,

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