

January 13, 2006

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(To be held Wednesday, February 1, 2006, 10:00 a.m.)

RE: *Investigation concerning the status of competition and impact of the FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order on the competitive telecommunications environment in Washington State, Docket No. UT-053025*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will hold a workshop in this docket on **Wednesday, February 1, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The workshop is designed to provide an open forum for interested parties to present their issues, ideas, and perspectives to the three-member commission on competition in the telecommunications industry and challenges facing telecommunications carriers after the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO).

Having received and reviewed written comments concerning this proceeding, the Commission finds it appropriate to convene a workshop to address the following issues:

- Availability and terms of incumbent LEC high capacity circuits after March 11, 2006;
- Alternatives for high capacity circuits and prices for alternatives;
- Wire centers that meet the TRRO's non-impairment standards and the availability of supporting data (including recalculations for wire centers excluding certain fiber-based collocations after recent merger orders);

- Assessments of existing Interconnection Agreements and Commercial Agreements (as substitutes for UNE-P); and
- Transition period for implementing rules governing non-impaired unbundled network elements (UNEs).

The Commission will also consider other issue important to stakeholders resulting from implementing the TRRO. Please notify the Commission by Friday, January 20, 2006, if you believe additional issues should be included on the agenda for the workshop.

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP. The Commission will convene a workshop on Wednesday, **February 1, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 206, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. You may reserve a line by calling Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139.

An agenda for the workshop will be posted by Friday, January 27, 2006, to the Commission's Web Site (www.wutc.wa.gov/053025). If you are unable to access the Commission's Web Site and would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Jing Roth by calling (360) 664-1164, or by e-mail at jroth@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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