## INLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY

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## Via electronic filing and Federal Express overnight delivery

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160

Re: **UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM** – Petition for eligibility of Inland Telephone Company to receive support

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-110, Inland Telephone Company ("Company") hereby submits to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission its petition for eligibility to receive program support from the State Universal Service Communications Program. Enclosed is the petition and the exhibits supporting the Company's petition. Native versions are also provided as available in the electronic filing. The Western Elite Incorporated Services, audited consolidated financial statements (Exhibit 5), have been marked as "Confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160"; redacted and unredacted versions have been included in this filing.

If you should have any questions or need further information, please call me at (509) 649-2211.

Sincerely,

James K. Brooks

Treasurer/Controller