BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hamilton Long Distance Company)	
Registration and Competitive Clarification of)	Docket No:
Telecommunications Companies)	

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-160, Hamilton Long Distance Company ("Hamilton Long Distance") requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") grant confidential treatment to the financial information submitted as part of its Registration and Competitive Classification as a Telecommunications Company ("Registration"). In support of this request, Hamilton Long Distance provides the following information:

WAC 480-07-160(2) defines Confidential Information as:

- (a) Information protected from inspection or copying under an exemption from disclosure requirements under the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW.
- (b) Information protected under the terms of a protective order in an adjudicative proceeding.
- (c) Valuable commercial information, including trade secrets or confidential marketing, cost, or financial information, or customerspecific usage and network configuration and design information, as provided in RCW 80.04.095 or 81.77.210. Only information that satisfies this definition may be designated as confidential.

Hamilton Long Distance's balance sheet submitted with its Registration constitutes "financial information." Hamilton Long Distance is a privately held corporation, and, accordingly, its financial information is not made available to the general public. Thus, the data submitted with Hamilton Long Distance's Registration falls within the Commission's definition of confidential information. *See* WAC 480-07-160(2).

For the foregoing reasons, Hamilton Long Distance respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Request for Confidential Treatment and provide special handling of, and limit access to, the confidential financial information filed by Hamilton Long Distance in support of its Registration.

Respectfully submitted,

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