

Dear Commissioners,

On February 18, 2005, Brad Van Cleve, an attorney, sent an e-mail message to Commissioner Oshie that misstated my conversation with Mr. Van Cleve.

Mr. Van Cleve attributes to me a statement that "one commissioner' was pushing for a 50/50 settlement." I did not make this statement to Mr. Van Cleve or anyone else. What I actually said was that, after having briefed the commissioners before the February 9 open meeting, I had concluded that it would be reasonable for the staff to recommend a 50/50 division of the disputed amounts.

During this conversation, which took place on February 17, I also disputed many of the points that Mr. Van Cleve made in his February 14 letter to staff, which he included with his e-mail to Commissioner Oshie.

Thank you for this opportunity to correct the record on this item.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Blackmon  
Acting Director, Regulatory Services  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission