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Subject: Re: UT-073014 Line Extension Rulemaking - Notice of Change of Adoption Hearing Date

Hello!

This is a modified version of a letter that I previously sent. If schedule allows, I intend on being at the hearing and testifying as necessary.

Kevin Danby

On Tue, Jun 24, 2008 at 9:28 AM, Bate, Sharyn (UTC) <SBate@utc.wa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached are the Notice of Continuance and the CR-102 Continuance for Docket UT-073014 Line Extension Rulemaking.

It has come to our attention that a few names of interested persons were inadvertently omitted from the commission mailing list for the CR-102 Proposed Rule notice served on May 9, 2008. The notice requested comments on the proposed rule by June 6, 2008. We have extended the comment period to July 16, 2008.

In addition to extending the date for comments, the commission has rescheduled the adoption hearing from June 26, 2008, to Thursday, August 14, 2008.

As always, the commission accepts comments on a rulemaking at any time and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the adoption hearing.

Thank you,

Sharyn Bate

July 8, 2008

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
Subject: Docket UT-073014

Dear Commission,

My name is Kevin Danby and I am the general manager of a development in E. Washington that has been in existence since 1970. We are a non-profit property owners association covering 4300 acres and 2600 lots, of which individuals own 1400.

I was involved in the modification of the line extension tariff policy a few years ago. Prior to that, we had virtually no phone access, including cell phones. Since the policy change, we have enjoyed increased access to telephone service via line extensions that were a direct result of that change. Although we have enjoyed several service extensions, we still have many areas that are not covered.

Recently, I was made aware that there is consideration being given to changing WAC 480-120 and 480-123. I can only speak from our experience, but I strongly advise the Commission to look hard before making any sweeping changes. My greatest concern now as it was in the past is public safety. We are nearly 20 miles from any emergency services and without ready access to reliable phones, we might as well be 200 miles away. I work and live in public power communities who understand the need to treat all ratepayers with the same respect, regardless of location. I am also aware that the telecommunication companies are for profit but I can only hope that some reasonable compromise can be reached regarding this issue. Reliable cell service, in the absence of wired phones, would be an acceptable option.

Sincerely,

Kevin Danby
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Cc: District 12 and 13 Legislators