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ROBERT H. DALLAIN  
GENERAL MANAGER

December 5, 1990

Ms. Sharon L. Nelson  
Chairman  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Ms. Nelson:

SUBJECT: UT - 900726

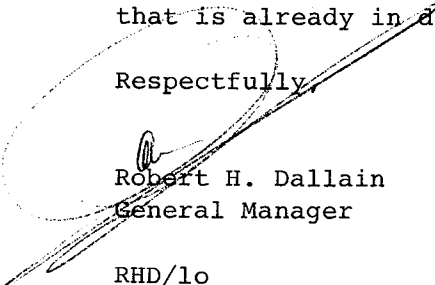
With regard to the proposed rules which are being strongly considered by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission, and are scheduled to be discussed at a hearing on December 12, I must urge you to re-evaluate any consideration to change the rules.

We are not selling telecommunications services to our guests, but rather, provide a service which is available for their use. You must consider the excessively high fees which are paid in order to maintain telecommunications equipment, and which can run more than \$2,500 per month. You must also consider the major labor dollars spent to provide these communications services 24 hours per day, and our fees for doing business with the many different carriers.

We strongly believe that limiting the charges for local or toll free calls, eliminating access charges, and limiting the surcharge on one plus calls, will further mount costs. As the cost of these services cannot be absorbed, it will surely be passed on in another way or form to our guests, possibly resulting in higher room rates, in a locale where the occupancy tax is already the fourth highest in the state.

I believe UT - 900726 would be detrimental to our future growth, and to limit access charges and fees would further erode an industry that is already in difficulty nationwide.

Respectfully,

  
Robert H. Dallain  
General Manager

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