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GENERAL MANAGER

December 6, 1990

Sharon L. Nelson  
Chairman of Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Ms. Nelson:

I am writing in response to the proposal from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (W.U.T.C. docket number UT-900726) regarding adopting rules that will regulate the following:

1. Limit the charge for local and toll free calls to \$0.25.
2. Eliminate any access charge for 800 or zero plus calls.
3. Limit the surcharge on one plus calls to a maximum of \$1.75.

The position of the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel is that telecommunication services are an amenity that is offered to our guests. We are not comparable to public pay phones! Hotels require labor for telephone operators, as well as extensive costs regarding updated phone equipment. These costs have been historically passed on to the guest.

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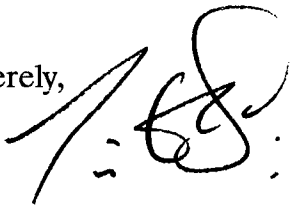
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The proposed regulations would negatively impact our hotel as well as our guest.

I strongly propose that the rental of guest telephones should not be subject to W.U.T.C. regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Ellis', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Ellis,  
General Manager

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cc: Richard D. Cassad, Commissioner  
A.J. "Bud" Pardini, Commissioner

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