



December 6, 1990

Ms. Sharon L. Nelson
Chairman
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: W.U.T.C. DOCKET # UT - 900726

Dear Ms. Nelson,

I am writing to request that you not adopt rules limiting charges to guests for local telephone calls, access charges for 800 and zero plus calls, and surcharges on one plus calls.

I operate a 182 room hotel in the Bellevue area. Limiting charges such as the ones listed above would seriously jeopardize the service we can provide to our guests. We are currently looking into replacing our existing telephone service, at a cost to us of \$100,000. It is extremely important that we be allowed to charge the guests a fair price for telephone services in order for us to remain in business.

As a small hotel operator, I really feel that our business is being caught in the middle. The legislature keeps raising our taxes, currently 13.6%, and with further restrictions such as the ones proposed above, we would be irreparably harmed.

While I approve of measures to protect the consumer, I feel that limits such as these are against everything our country stands for.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Saleh".

Sam Saleh
General Manager

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