

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Eligible)
Telecommunications)
Carrier)
(ETCs))
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Rulemaking.)
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Public Counsel section of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office (Public Counsel) files these supplemental comments in response to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission’s (Commission) October 21, 2005 *Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments*. These supplemental comments focus on the efforts of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to conduct reasonable and meaningful outreach to poorly served customer groups.

II. COMMENTS

As a general matter, Public Counsel supports improved outreach efforts that provide a meaningful expression of the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) requirements for ETCs. WAC 480-123-0060(7) does so by requiring meaningful notice to customers which Public Counsel strongly supports.