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Sharon L. Nelson Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W. Olympia, WA 98504 RE: UT - 900726

Dear Chairperson:

If is hard for me to understand why the WUTC is considering adopting these rules. The cost of telephone equipment is very high and I am paying over \$2,400 per month just to have this equipment. How am I supposed to pay for this and continue to offer phones in my hotel rooms without a sufficient mark-up to cover these costs. I have already lost over \$5,000 so far this year in my telephone department. I believe that the sophisticated traveler understands that a hotel has a right to recover its expenses and that hotels that charge excessively will lose their much more profitable rooms business, to other hotels. Please no regulations that limit our abilities to recover total telephone department expenses that include equipment costs.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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Cc: Sharon L. Nelson - Chairperson
Richard D. Casad - Commissioner
A.J. "bud" Pardini - Commissioner

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