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**CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

Dear Mr. King:

Re: Docket No. UT-180004 –  
FCC Form 481 due July 16, 2018 -  
Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' annual filings  
to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant  
to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422 –  
Whidbey Telephone Company (Study Area 522452)

Accompanying this letter for filing with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") is an electronic copy of the FCC Form 481 (including attachments), due July 16, 2018, of Whidbey Telephone Company, as filed electronically with the United States Administrative Company pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.422.

Because of the CONFIDENTIAL nature of the information set forth in portions of the accompanying copy the FCC Form 481, pursuant to RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160 the Company hereby asserts a claim of confidentiality with respect thereto. The basis for this claim is that the accompanying copy of FCC Form 481 contains valuable commercial information, including confidential marketing, cost and financial information. Accordingly, in compliance with WAC 480-07-160(3)(c), unredacted and redacted versions of that document accompany this letter. As specified in WAC 480-07-160(3)(b)(i), all copies (both redacted and unredacted) of materials claimed to be

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confidential have been marked "Designated information is confidential per WAC 480-07-160." The redacted version has been marked "REDACTED." The unredacted version has been marked "UNREDACTED," and the information thereon that is claimed to be confidential has been highlighted with grey shading.

If the Commission has any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please do not hesitate to call me at (360) 321-0051.

Very truly yours,



Gary Ricketts  
Secretary-Treasurer

Accompanying documents:  
FCC Form 481 (copy – redacted)  
FCC Form 481 (copy – unredacted)