



WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Paul Curl, Secretary
Washington Utilities &
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.
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Olympia, WA 98504-9022

RE: Alternative Operator Services Rules - UT-900726

Dear Mr. Curl:

This letter is filed on behalf of the Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA). The purpose of this letter is to address the proposed rules contained in Docket UT-900726.

WITA respectfully urges the Commission adopt the proposed rules with a single change. That change is to clarify the rule so that it does not apply to the operations of local exchange companies. The problems that customers are facing as a result of the introduction of alternative operator services and customer owned pay telephones are legion. However, those problems are not problems related to services provided by local exchange companies. The rule should address those types of companies that are the problem.

In conclusion, WITA supports adoption of the proposed rules with one change. WITA believes that the rules should apply to what is commonly understood to be alternative operator service companies. The rules should expressly exclude local exchange companies.

Sincerely,

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