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WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION

October 14, 2002

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, W A 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. A-021178

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA) is in receipt of the Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments and Notice of Workshop in this matter ("Notice"). At page 2 of the Notice, the Commission states "It is not our intent that this rule making will apply to competitively classified telecommunications companies or local exchange companies that serve less than two percent of the state's access lines under RCW 80.04.530." Based upon this representation, WITA will not have representatives attending the November 5,2002 workshop.

WITA does request that any rule that the Commission issues on this subject contain an express declaration that the rule does not apply to local exchange companies serving less than two percent of the state's access lines under RCW 80.04.530. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

TERRENCE STAPLETON

cc: Member Companies