

March 21, 2002

Ms. Carole Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Choctaw Communications, Inc.
d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications®
Bench Requests 43, 44 and 45

Dear Director:

Choctaw Communications, Inc. dba Smoke Signal Communications ® (“Smoke Signal”) is a switchless reseller of local exchange services. Even though Smoke Signal was granted its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide Local Exchange Telecommunications Services by the Commission on September 13, 2000 in Docket UT-001264, it is not providing service in the state of Washington.

Although Smoke Signal negotiated and executed a Resale Agreement with U.S. West Communications, Inc., which was approved by the Commission on September 13, 2000 in Docket UT-003058, it has not provided any service in the State of Washington. Therefore, Smoke Signal is unable to provide any further information requested in Bench Requests 43-44 and 45.

Smoke Signal appreciates your attention to this matter. Please contact the undersigned directly with any inquiries regarding this filing at telephone number 713-779-0692.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla J. Hanley,
Regulatory Director