

May 31, 2006

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Penalty Assessment Against Marathon Communications, Inc.
Docket No. UT-051509

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On May 12, 2006, Marathon Communications filed a response to the Notice of Penalties in the above-referenced docket that included a request to pay the assessed penalty in monthly installments of twelve equal parts beginning in June, 2006. Staff supports offering a payment plan to Marathon Communications that would allow it to make regularly scheduled payments over a period of time not to exceed one year.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. FASSIO
Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure
cc: Parties