December 13, 2005

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

Re: In re Sprint Nextel Corporation's Application for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest and Sprint Long Distance, Inc. from Sprint Nextel Corporation to LTD Holding Company

Docket No. UT-051291

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are an original and eleven (11) copies of Commission Staff's Response to Public Counsel's Renewed Motion for Continuance and Motion for Leave to File Cross-Rebuttal, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

GREGORY J. TRAUTMAN Assistant Attorney General

GJT:emd Enclosure cc: Parties