BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against NATIONS BROADBAND, INC. in the Amount of \$100 DOCKET NO. UT-071277

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO NATION BROADBAND INC.'S APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c), Staff of the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission Staff) submits this response¹ to Nations' Application for Mitigation.

On July 5, 2007, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$100 against Nations Broadband, Inc. (Nations) for violating WAC 480-120-382. Nations filed an Application for Mitigation on August 13, 2007, requesting mitigation of the penalty. Commission Staff opposes Nations' Application for Mitigation for the reasons set forth in the attached declaration of Sheri Hoyt.

DATED this 16th day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Please note that this response does not come from the Commission but from Commission Staff. Commission Staff is a party in this case and is separate from the Commission. The Commission will be the ultimate decision maker in this matter. An Administrative Law Judge will consider Nations' statements and Commission Staff's statements and will issue a decision. The Commission may accept, modify, or reject that decision.