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Hon. Mark Sidran, Chairman Hon. Patrick Oshie, Commissioner Hon. Philip Jones, Commissioner Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: <u>Docket UT-073024 – Petition of Eltopia Communications, LLC for</u> <u>Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier</u>

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with additional information in response to the questions and concerns that you raised during the open meeting on July 11, 2007. I hope that this information is helpful to you in deciding that Eltopia Communications, LLC should be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier for federal universal service purposes.

Extent of Eltopia's Existing Network

Attachment 1 is a copy of the list of exchanges from Eltopia's petition. The exchanges where Eltopia or its affiliate Eltopia.com currently has broadband facilities are highlighted. This list includes 34 exchanges.

As noted at the open meeting, Eltopia would not object to its initial designation for the exchanges where it currently has facilities. The company would anticipate petitioning for additional exchanges as its network expands.

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Investment Plan

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Attachment 2 is a more detailed plan of the investments to be made with initial federal support during the first two years in which support is received and a substantive description of how those expenditures will benefit customers. While amount of federal support that Eltopia will receive is very difficult to project, the company has prepared its best estimate of those receipts. During the next year Eltopia will use those funds, along with a substantially larger amount of private capital, to construct and equip 17 new towers across six counties in eastern Washington. It anticipates a similar expansion of its fixed wireless network in 2009.

The information in Attachment 2 should be considered a supplement to the information in paragraphs 38 and 39 of Eltopia's petition.

Attachment 2 contains valuable commercial information, including trade secrets or confidential marketing, cost, or financial information. It is marked as "confidential" pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. A (public) redacted version is included with this filing.

We hope that this additional information is helpful in your consideration of Eltopia's petition. Please let me know if there is any other information that you would like for us to provide.

Sincerely,

Glenn Blackmon, Ph.D. on behalf of

Eltopia Communications, LLC

Richard Finnigan, WITA (non-confidential version)