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## **Via Electronic Filing**

Jeff Killip Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, WA 98503

RE: CONFIDENTIAL - TruConnect Communications, Inc. Docket No. UT-240165

Dear Mr. Killip:

On behalf of TruConnect Communications, Inc. (TruConnect or the Company), please find the attached Response to Informal Data and Information Request (Response) issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff. Request 3 asks TruConnect to provide financial statements for 2023. TruConnect has provided its 2023 financial statements as Exhibit 2. In accordance with WAC 480-07-160, TruConnect designates Exhibit 2 as confidential.

Exhibit 2 provides the consolidated financial statements of TSC Acquisition Corporation (TSC) and its subsidiaries. TruConnect is one the TSC's subsidiaries. As a private company, TruConnect's financial statements contain confidential and valuable financial information that is not available to the public. The confidential financial information contained in Exhibit 2 derives economic value from not being generally known to others, and in particular, to competitors. The provision of wireless telecommunications services is a competitive business in which TruConnect is one of several competitors. Public disclosure of the Company's confidential financial information would enable competitors to learn details about TruConnect's financial situation and to unfairly take advantage of this confidential information to develop their own strategies for providing wireless telecommunications services. As such, TruConnect's competitors can obtain economic value from disclosure of the information in Exhibit 2. TruConnect treats the information in Exhibit 2 as confidential and does not authorize its employees to disclose this information to third parties. The information in Exhibit 2 is only available to those employees requiring the information to perform their duties to the Company. TruConnect has not disclosed the information to any unauthorized third party nor to the public. Based on the foregoing, the information in Exhibit 2 meets the definition of confidential

information set forth in WAC 480-07-160(2)(b) (*i.e.*, "valuable commercial information, including trade secrets or confidential marketing, cost, or financial information ..."), and should not be disclosed to the public.

All pages of Exhibit 2 are marked "Shaded information is designated as confidential per WAC 480-07-160" as required by WAC 480-07-160(5)(c)(i). TruConnect is filing redacted and unredacted versions of its Response. Confidential information in the unredacted version has been designated by highlighting the text with less than twenty percent gray shading.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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