Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket Nos. UT-023003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

The undersigned parties hereby respectfully request that the Commission grant a continuance of two to four months for the nonrecurring cost portion of this docket. The parties have discussed this matter amongst themselves and have agreed that the very recent effective date of the Part B and Part D nonrecurring rates eliminates the need to adhere to the previously established schedule. Additionally, the parties agree that separating the current tight schedule of hearings in the recurring and nonrecurring proceedings will benefit the parties and the Commission by allowing more time to be dedicated to the recurring cost issues. The parties request that the Commission convene a prehearing conference to discuss an appropriate schedule for a proceeding addressing nonrecurring costs. Staff, Public Counsel, Pac-West, and Eschelon have represented that they do not oppose the proposed change in schedule.

Sincerely,			
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