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**Via Web Portal and Overnight**

Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
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Re: Docket No. UT-132234

Dear Mr. King:


Attached are two letters for the record in the above referenced compliance docket, on behalf of Orcas Power & Light Cooperative ("OPALCO"). These letters are relevant to compliance issues that remain before with Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

CenturyLink has a submarine fiber optic cable running between Lopez Island and San Juan Island. As OPALCO's letter to Chairman Danner dated December 22, 2016 details, a planned submarine cable replacement project by OPALCO is set to begin later in the summer of 2017. Attached to that letter are photographs taken of the CenturyLink fiber optic cable. The second letter is OPALCO's follow up letter to CenturyLink with the same photographs, dated December 22, 2016. These photographs raise concerns regarding maintenance of infrastructure that San Juan County residents rely upon daily.

As is further detailed in the attached correspondence, CenturyLink's fiber optic cable continues to drift onto, and trespass over OPALCO's submarine cable that it will be removing and replacing this year. Not only does it trespass over OPALCO's easement from the Department of Natural Resources, but through this trespass, it threatens the careful timing of OPALCO's project, as well as access to the Internet for most of San Juan Island. Unless CenturyLink removes its fiber optic cable in advance of OPALCO's submarine replacement project, there is a likelihood that its fiber optic cable will break.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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