

WESTERN LONG DISTANCE, INC.

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President

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Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Dear Mr. Dittmore:

This letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of Western Long Distance, Inc. ("Company") in response to the letter, dated November 4, 2003, of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission"), giving notice of the recent adoption by the Commission of WAC 480-120-414. That rule addresses the filing by telecommunications companies of certain information with the Commission and certain other information with the Washington state emergency management division.

We have noted that the Commission has published on its website filings containing disaster recovery contact information submitted by at least some other telecommunications companies pursuant to WAC 480-120-414. We do not know whether the Commission has received other filings pursuant to WAC 480-120-414 that it has not so published, or whether the Commission has procedures to limit the dissemination of such information. (The above-referenced Commission letter of November 4, 2003, makes no mention of any such procedures.) However, because disaster response and recovery efforts could be impaired as a result of widespread dissemination of emergency contact information (as opposed to distribution of such information only to agencies in need of such information for disaster response and recovery purposes), the Company respectfully requests that the contact information set forth below not be disseminated to the general public and that it be used and disclosed solely for disaster response and recovery purposes.

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