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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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STATE OF WASH.
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Re: Traffic Exchange Agreement Between Pend Oreille Telephone
Company and United States Cellular Corporation

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed you will find the original and one copy of the above-referenced Traffic Exchange Agreement. Pend Oreille Telephone Company views the agreement as negotiated pursuant to Section 332 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pend Oreille Telephone Company did not negotiate this Agreement pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act and expressly preserves its exemption from Section 251(c) obligations.

However, in light of the generic language in Section 252(e) and the Federal Communications Commission Order FCC 02-276 (WC Docket No. 02-89), pending further clarification from this Commission as to what agreements must be filed for Commission approval (see, e.g., pending Docket UT-033011), this Agreement is filed for approval by the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to the attached.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Finnigan / km
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Enclosures
cc: Jennifer Kilgore
Mark Martell