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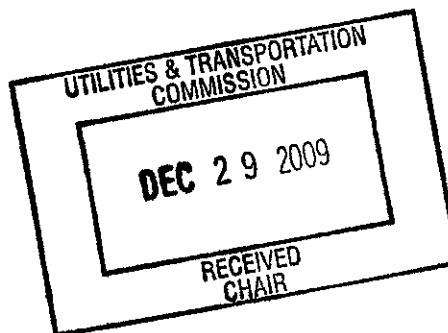
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December 28, 2009

Chairman Jeffrey Goltz
Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250



Dear Chairman Goltz,

I am writing to request that you consider updating your rules governing prepaid calling providers contained in WAC 480-120-265. Specifically, I am interested in seeing these rules require that: (1) the disclosure of rates, terms and conditions be made in the language that the card is advertised in; and (2) the number of minutes contained on the card be disclosed on the card or its packaging.

These protections are contained in federal legislation currently pending before Congress, H.R. 3993. I would like to see similar protections incorporated in our state.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this request. I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Zachary Hudgins
State Representative,
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

cc: Dave Danner, UTC Executive Director
Congressman Eliot Engel



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January 8, 2010

The Honorable Zachary Hudgins
Washington State Senate
438A Legislative Building
Olympia, Washington 98504-0600

Dear Representative Hudgins:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Utilities and Transportation Commission consider updating WAC 480-120-264, our rule on pre-paid calling services. You specifically propose changes to require disclosure of (1) terms and conditions in the language in which the card is advertised, and (2) the number of minutes contained on the card or its packaging.

I believe a review of this rule is appropriate, and I have asked the Commission staff to commence a rulemaking on the matter during the first quarter of 2010 by preparing a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, as required by the Administrative Procedure Act as a prerequisite to proposing a rule. We will inform you when this step is taken and when we develop draft rule. We hope that you will consider participating during the rulemaking process.

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 664-1173 or Dave Danner at (360) 664-1208. Again, thank you for your letter and your interest.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey D. Goltz
Chairman

cc: Dave Danner, UTC Executive Director
Kippi Walker, UTC Rules Coordinator