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June 8, 2006

The Honorable Linda Evans Parlette  
Washington State Senate  
625 Okanogan Avenue, Suite 301  
Wenatchee, Washington 98801

**RE: Docket UT-060762 – Westgate Communications - Stehekin**

Dear Senator Parlette:

Thank you for your letter asking the Utilities and Transportation Commission to postpone ruling on Westgate Communications L.L.C.'s request for eligibility to take funds from the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) pool to help finance the proposed Stehekin project.

At our June 6, 2006, open meeting, we decided to adjourn without acting on the company's request, and will take the matter up again at our next open meeting, on June 14, 2006. Our decision to postpone was based largely on concerns that the company had not yet provided sufficient financial information to enable the analysis required before determining the merits of its request for funds.

At the meeting, I raised your concern about whether the company had the necessary permits to begin service on July 1. Our staff made clear that even if we approve the company's request, no WECA funds would be provided unless and until the company commenced service in Stehekin. In other words, if the company lacks the necessary local permits to operate, it will not be able to receive WECA funds.

I am aware that subsequent to our meeting, the Chelan County Commission declined to take action on the company's request for a zoning change, effectively denying the company's request. I intend to ask the company to discuss this matter at the open meeting next week.

I very much appreciate that you took the time to share your concerns with the UTC.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Sidran  
Chairman

