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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Westgate Compliance Filing to Receive \$52,885 From the State Universal Communications Services Program (Program) Docket UT-190644

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 7, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, GRANTING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE UNIVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, (Order 01) in the above-referenced docket. In order for Westgate to receive the second distribution of \$52,885 from the Program, Order 01, among other things, required Westgate Communications LLC, d/b/a WeaveTel (Westgate) to submit a specific officer-approved 2020 capital expenditure budget plan to invest at least \$52,885 towards regulated rate base benefitting Westgate's Washington exchange area service territory and an officer-signed affidavit attesting to the detail and estimated amount of the 2020 capital expenditure budget plan.¹

On January 16, 2020, Westgate filed with the Commission its Affidavit and Detailed Officer Approved Capital Project Budget Expenditure Plan for 2020. The Company's filing provides the required information and contains a summary on the company's investment in facilities for the Stehekin exchange that will be placed into regulated rate base once completed.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by Westgate dated January 16, 2020, and finds that it contains sufficient detail with respect to the company's plan to invest at least \$52,885 towards its regulated rate base. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 01, entered November 7, 2019.

¹Order Paragrah 21 and 7, footnote 5.