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Ms. Carole Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W.  
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Re: Docket No. UT-991301

Attention: Penny Hansen

Dear Ms. Washburn:

I am writing in response to your April 5, 2001 Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments. Qwest appreciates the effort put forth by the Commission staff to clarify the Commission intent with respect to its proposed Customer Notice Requirements. The proposed rules are clearer and more flexible. Qwest only has two concerns.

The first concern is with the Formal Hearing Notice. Under either proposal, alternative one or two, the rule seems to indicate that a separate notice is required even if prior notice was properly distributed. However the introduction to both alternatives seems to suggest such may not be the case. It was Qwest's understanding that a second notice would not be required if proper prior notice had occurred and respectfully requests the Commission clarify such in its proposed rules.

The second concern is that both rule alternatives continues to require notice of local tax changes. Qwest reiterates its prior comments that such changes are not driven by Qwest and not easily noticed by Qwest. Qwest respectfully requests the rule be amended to allow local exchange companies to pass on the cost of such notice if it is required by Commission rule.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached at 206-345-4726.

Very truly yours,