

BG ENTERPRISES, INC, d/b/a GRIZZLY:

Grizzly is a small CLEC, that is a service provider of last resort for many customers who, for reasons of very poor credit history, are unable to obtain services from Qwest, Verizon or Sprint. As shown by the materials that accompanied Grizzly' Petition, it operates on an extremely narrow margin. Because of the narrow margin, Grizzly will be unable to provide services if DSHS sets the amount of compensation based on ILECs retail rates.

Grizzly is financially unable to provide services to WTAP customers at the rate established by DSHS' emergency rule in WAC 388-273-0035 and will cease providing services to WTAP clients, with the likely result being no access to 911 services unless Qwest, Sprint and Verizon allow such clients to continue to have access. The company believes their customers will have difficulty obtaining services from other carriers based on credit history. A change in effective date for the WAC 480-120-174 has no effect on the financial impact of the DSHS rule to Grizzly and the company's ability to provide service to WTAP clients, thus it cannot ascertain a benefit by changing the effective date of WAC 480-120-174.

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