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November 5, 2007

**VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-073031 – Request for Revision of Date to File  
Answer

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Under the Commission's rules related to arbitration, the answer of Whidbey Telephone Company ("Whidbey") in this matter is currently due for filing on November 13, 2007. See, WAC 480-07-630(6). On November 2, 2007, Whidbey filed a Motion to Dismiss ("Motion") the Petition filed by Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") for failure to properly invoke the jurisdiction of the Commission and for other grounds as set forth in the Motion.

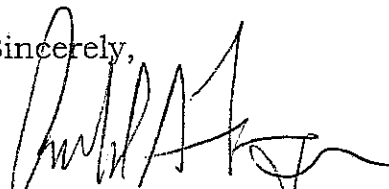
If the Motion is determined in Whidbey's favor, then this proceeding will come to an end and no further pleadings or other filings would be necessary. In order to conserve resources and promote the orderly handling of this docket, Whidbey respectfully requests that the date for filing its answer with supporting documentation, as contemplated by WAC 480-07-630(6) and (7), be extended until the fifth business day following resolution of the Motion.

Thank you for the consideration of this request. The filing of this request should be considered as part of the special appearance that has been made in this matter related to the issues of jurisdiction.

Carole Washburn  
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As required by the Commission, twelve copies of this letter are hereby submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Finnigan', written over a horizontal line.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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