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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250 D5 SEP -6 PH 1: 18
STATE OF WASH.
UTIL. AND TRANSP.
COMMISSION

Re: Traffic Exchange Agreement Between Inland Telephone Company and United States Cellular Corporation

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed you will find the original and one copy of the above-referenced Traffic Exchange Agreement and the Request for Approval of Fully Negotiated Traffic Exchange Agreement. Inland Telephone Company views the agreement as negotiated pursuant to Section 332 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Inland Telephone Company did not negotiate this agreement pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act and expressly preserves its exemption from Section 251(c) obligations.

However, in light of the generic language in Section 252(e) and the Federal Communications Commission Order FCC 02-276 (WC Docket No. 02-89), pending further clarification from this Commission as to what agreements must be filed for Commission approval (see, e.g., Docket UT-033011), this agreement is filed for approval by the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to the attacked.

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RAF/km Enclosures

cc: Jennifer Kilgore
James Brooks