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**VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Subject: Docket No. TC-020497  
Request for Continuance

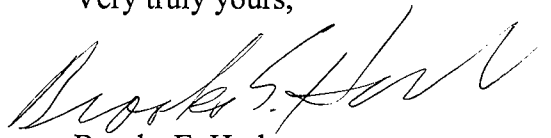
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Dear Ms. Washburn:

We represent the Washington Airport Operators Association (“Association”), one of the “stakeholders” in the above-referenced docket. We have been participating in the docket very actively since its commencement in 2002, and have been eagerly awaiting the Staff’s draft rules. However, the timing of the release of the draft rules makes it impossible for the Association to file comments by the date requested. The new rules are extensive. Moreover, I will be out of the office from August 13 through August 25. Even without my absence, it would be impossible for us to comment, as we need to schedule a board meeting of the Association to review the rules and develop a consensus viewpoint.

In order to provide meaningful input and assist the Commission in developing rules that work well for the industry, which we represent, as well as the public and the Commission, we request a continuance of the deadlines set forth in the Commission’s August 8, 2003, notice. We request that both the written comment filing deadline and the workshop each be continued by a like amount. We suggest a three to four week continuance, given the process that we need to go through and the substantial volume of materials upon which we are asked to comment.

Very truly yours,

  
Brooks E. Harlow