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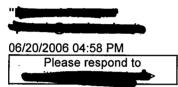
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Subject Re: Docket Number 0607620

Thank you for your e-mail on this matter. I will see that it is placed in the record on this docket and provided to commissioners.

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June 20, 2006

Chairman Mark Sidran
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission
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RE: Stehekin Valley Telephone Service

Dear Chairman Sidran:

A recent newspaper article in the Lake Chelan Mirror brought our attention to the fact that that one of the senior partners/managers of Weavtel was recently charged with 3rd degree Child Molestation.

We would like to make the WUTC aware that you are considering granting Universal Service Funds to this company(Docket 0607620) and thereby funding the operation of such a company that continues to allow such a person on their board and on their payroll. The story is that he is on leave but he has recently been in Stehekin working on the telephone project so this does not seem to be the case.

We have serious reservations about allowing a person accused of such an offense into our community and permitting them access to our homes.

The seriousness of this situation is even more troubling in that one of the last times this partner/manager was in Stehekin there was a confrontation with a community member that in all likelihood will involve two more charges being brought against this person which are trespass and assault.

We strongly urge you to look more closely at this company and their operation before you "open the flow" of Universal Service Funds to this company.

Perhaps there is a better solution to fulfill the law you are required to uphold and provide a solution for those who desire to partake of this program. With better and newer technology we believe there are ways of doing this more efficiently than what is being proposed. A better solution with community input would be a win/win for all. It seems to be time to open a dialogue toward that end.

Sincerely,

Mr. Clifford G. Courtney President Stehekin Heritage