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Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
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**Re: Docket No. UT-143787
Clarification of Joint Carriers' Comments**

Dear Mr. King:

This letter is to clarify the Joint Carriers' comments filed on May 6, 2016. On page 5 of those comments, the Carriers stated that "[t]he stepped approach [to implementation of ten-digit dialing] would allow mandatory ten-digit dialing to be implemented in the area currently covered by the 360 area code, and then it would be required in other NPAs when each approach exhaust." The Joint Carriers now understand that Staff's proposal is that ten-digit dialing be mandatory in all of Western Washington immediately upon implementation of the new area code. Staff believes that this minimizes confusion and is more efficient in terms of consumer education. I have surveyed the signatories to the Joint Comments and can state that all Carriers support the Staff recommendation.

Sincerely,

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