



STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., P.O. Box 47250 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7250
(360) 664-1160 • TTY (360) 586-8203

May 25, 2006

Kathleen Taylor, Executive Director
Doug Klunder, Privacy Project Director
American Civil Liberties Union of Washington Foundation
705 2nd Avenue, 3rd Floor
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Ms. Taylor and Mr. Klunder:

We have received your letter to the Utilities and Transportation Commission requesting an investigation of possible unlawful disclosure of private consumer information by Washington telecommunications companies to the National Security Agency.

Because your letter raises important issues of broad public concern, we have opened a docket (No. UT-060856) to address this matter and scheduled a preliminary discussion at our May 31, 2006, open meeting, which begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission offices in Olympia.

The issues raised by you and others are both serious and complex. There are threshold legal and procedural questions that should be carefully considered in determining how best to proceed. Those threshold questions, rather than the substantive merits, will be the focus of our discussion at the open meeting. The ACLU, of course, is welcome to attend and comment during the open meeting if you choose to do so.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Sidran
Chairman

cc: Patrick J. Oshie, Commissioner
Philip B. Jones, Commissioner

