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TO: Telecommunication Professionals

RE: Survey of Telecommunications Trends in Washington State  
Docket UT-051808

Since joining the Utilities & Transportation Commission as Executive Director in 2005, I have been concerned about the agency's readiness to respond to changes in the dynamic telecommunications market. Determining the commission's long-term staffing and resource needs requires a thorough understanding of trends in the industry – both in terms of market competition and technical developments.

While none of us has a perfect crystal ball, we nonetheless have the benefit of industry professionals such as you who have ideas about the direction the telecommunications industry is taking, and the role of the commission in the years to come.

I have asked the commission's telecommunications regulatory staff to survey stakeholders about trends in the industry to help us as we plan for the future. I would like to extend an invitation to your organization to participate in our assessment by sharing your perspectives, and to join me at the commission for a workshop on **June 27<sup>th</sup>** (agenda attached).

To begin the discussion, our staff has proposed a list of queries for stakeholders (attached) regarding the state of the industry and the work of the commission. Please feel free to call me or Will Saunders if you have questions about this. I can be reached at (360) 664-1208; Will can be reached at (360) 664-1245 or [wsaunders@utc.wa.gov](mailto:wsaunders@utc.wa.gov).

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Enclosures