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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m.)

RE: Policy Statement to Review State Universal Service Policies,
Docket UT-100562

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Universal service – the widespread availability of telecommunications services at reasonable rates – is a long-standing policy of the State of Washington. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) plans a series of workshops to review and discuss state universal service policies, and potential changes that may be appropriate to preserve and enhance telecommunications service in the state. The workshops may result in a policy statement by the Commission, and potential recommendations to the Legislature.

The Commission invites stakeholders to the first workshop, scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** The workshop will be held at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. At this workshop, stakeholders are encouraged to discuss changes affecting the telecommunications industry that implicate universal service in Washington, factual explanations of the scope of the problem, and potential changes to existing mechanisms or new approaches that should be considered for addressing universal service prospectively. The Commission will schedule additional workshops based on the discussion during the May 5 workshop.

Questions regarding the workshop may be addressed to Brian Thomas, the Commission's telecommunications policy analyst, by e-mail at bthomas@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1212.

Sincerely,

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