April 10, 2000

Ms. Carole J. Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Subject: GTE COMMENTS – DOCKET NO. UT-991573 – TOLL CARRIER OBLIGATIONS

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of GTE Northwest's comments in the above referenced docket. These comments have also been filed electronically.

Please contact Joan Gage on 425-261-5238 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lida C. Tong Director – Regulatory & Government Affairs

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