

Bob Shirley

08/24/2001 02:59 PM

To: <MOYGC@dshs.wa.gov>
cc: Russell/WUTC@WUTC
Subject:

"Moy, Grace"
Kristen
RE: Suggested Letters

Letter has been FAXed.

Taking out "eligible" before wireless good idea.

Wireless could only participate if asked by customer who does not have wireline connection. Most eligible people have wireline connection, so little if any participation from wireless could happen. If it were up to me, I would include them more, but your AAG has concerns so better to let them wait until the legislature sorts it out.

Taking care of up-side in separate rulemaking is fine; let me know if we can assist you.

Thanks again for the quick response.

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To: <bshirley@wutc.wa.gov>
cc: <HICKOBM@DSHS.WA.GOV>
Subject:

"bshirley@wutc.wa.gov"
"Hickox, Bobbi"
RE: Suggested Letters

Bob, I've discussed your letters and proposed WAC changes with Bobbi. The letters are fine, and we'd like to propose February for the date we will complete our rulemaking. I'll prepare that letter to Glenn for Bobbi's signature today. Here's the complete address for Bobbi:

Ms. Bobbie Hickox, Executive Assistant
DSHS/Community Services Division
P.O. Box 45440
Olympia, WA 98504-5440

Regarding the WAC changes, since we've replaced "an eligible telecommunication carrier" with "carrier providing local service", we should probably strikethrough the term "eligible" in regards to the wireless carriers as well. Also, how do wireless companies fit into your rule change? Since WUTC doesn't generally regulate wireless, is it optional for them to participate in WTAP? Would our term "flat rate service" keep wireless from participating, since most of their plans are by-the-minute?

So as not to hold up this WAC change, any changes re: the issue you raised of carriers with high basic rates will be in a separate rule-making. Grace

-----Original Message-----

From: bshirley@wutc.wa.gov [mailto:bshirley@wutc.wa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2001 11:43 AM
To: Grace Moy
Cc: krussell@wutc.wa.gov
Subject: Suggested Letters

GRACE--Here is a letter I propose we FAX to Bobbi this afternoon, and a suggested response (today if possible).

Please let me know if this is acceptable. And Bobbi's title and address.

The more I think about this, the more I see I must have been the one who goofed. I apologize.

Thanks.

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Ms. Bobbi Hickox
TITLE
Department of Social and Health Services
ADDRESS

RE: Changes to WAC 388-273-0020 Who May Receive WTAP

Dear Ms. Hickox:

The Commission is poised to adopt revisions to its WTAP rules on September 12, 2001. Comments in the rulemaking have brought to our attention a discrepancy between your recently adopted WTAP rules and our proposed rules. I am writing to ask that you re-open WAC 388-273-0020 in order to ensure that eligible low income consumers will have increased choices for local phone service. I have attached suggested language.

Because we are poised for adoption, I would like to recommend to the Commission that, notwithstanding this minor discrepancy, it continue with its plan for adoption on September 12 and choose a delayed effective date. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you are amenable to re-opening the WTAP rules, and if you can recommend a future date that the Commission can use as an effective date for our rules.

I appreciate this will add to your workload and thank you in advance for your willingness to make this extra effort.

Sincerely,

Glenn Blackmon
Assistant Director for Telecommunications

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Mr. Glenn Balckmon
Assistant Director for Telecommunications
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RE: Changes to WAC 388-273-0020 Who May Receive WTAP

Dear Mr. Blackmon:

Thank you for your letter asking that we re-open our WTAP rulemaking in order to make a minor change to align our recently adopted rule with the Commission's proposed rule. Specifically, you suggested a change to WAC 388-273-0020 that will permit eligible low-income consumers to apply to obtain service from any local exchange company required by the Commission to offer the program.

Because our agencies have joint responsibility for this program, we will initiate a rulemaking. I anticipate that we will complete the rulemaking no later than _____ 30, 2002.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Hickox

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