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Dear Secretary Washburn:

Re: *Rulemaking Concerning Telecommunications Service (Line) Extensions*
Docket UT-073014

The coalition of telecommunications companies filing initial comments in this rulemaking proceeding on November 16, 2007, has been meeting regularly since release of the Commission's draft rules entered on January 10, 2008. The implications of some of the Commission's draft rules are being carefully analyzed and debated in order to fully comprehend their impact on the implementation of those rules.

To that end, the coalition has worked collaboratively to find common ground and to develop amendatory language that meets the industry's needs while respecting the Commission's rule language. While much has been done since release of the Commission's draft rules, the coalition respectfully requests additional time to complete its analysis and review and to offer alternative language where appropriate.

Therefore, the coalition members – Qwest, Verizon, Embarq, CenturyTel and the other WITA companies – submit this request for an extension of time to file its comments until close of business, Monday, February 25, 2008. We believe that such an extension will in the long term serve both the Commission and the industry.

We thank you for your consideration of the industry's request for this extension of time to file comments in this proceeding. And, the coalition looks forward to continuing its active participation with the Commission in its review of the line extension rule.

Sincerely,



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Executive Vice President