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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER;
OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT STATEMENT OF FACT AND LAW
(June 21, 2002)**

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of the Washington Independent Telephone Association for Declaratory Order
Docket No. UT-020667

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 29, 2002, Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA) filed with the Commission a petition for declaratory order pursuant to RCW 34.05.240 and WAC 480-09-230. Specifically, WITA, seeks an order of the Commission declaring that:

1. The use of VNXX-like services are not in the public interest and prohibiting their use, or in the alternative, use of VNXX-like services are appropriately classified as interexchange services subject to the assessment and payment of access charges where the call originates and terminates in two separate rate centers without a Commission approved extended area service arrangement between those rate centers.
2. Such service arrangements are an inappropriate use of numbering resources where that service uses a new NPA/NXX for each rate center, and prohibit such practice.
3. Where a single NPA/NXX is desired to be spread over several rate centers, such practice would violate standards needed to implement number portability, and is prohibited.

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.240 and WAC 480-09-230, the Commission gives notice to all persons required by law and such other persons as deemed appropriate. The Commission also by this notice calls for a statement of fact and law upon the matter posited by the WITA petition. A copy of the WITA petition is posted on the Commission's web site, <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/020667>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission requests that interested persons who desire to be heard in this docket present a statement of fact and law upon the matters alleged in the petition, and the applicability of Washington statutes and Commission rules to the issues presented by the petition. All persons interested in this matter must submit either a statement of fact and law, or a request to be placed upon the Commission's service list in the event of further proceedings, no later than Friday, June 21, 2002.

Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to C. Robert Wallis, Administrative Law Judge, at 360-664-1142 or bwallis@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary