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## **VIA E-FILING**

Mr. Steven V. King, Acting Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Inland Telephone Company - Second Revision of Sheet No. 104 Canceling First Revision of Sheet No. 104; Second Revision of Sheet No. 105 Canceling First Revision of Sheet No. 105; First Revision of Sheet No. 155 Canceling Original Sheet No. 155

Dear Mr. King:

Attached you will find the above-referenced tariff sheet. The primary purpose of this filing is to increase the residential service individual line rate for its Roslyn exchange base rate area and rural area to \$14.00 from its current rate of \$13.80 (1.4%) and its residential message rate service for its base rate area and rural area, which will increase to \$14.00 from its current rate of \$10.00 (40%) effective May 1, 2013. The Company is also reducing the rate of the vacation suspend service to \$1.50 from its current rate of one-half of the base rate.

This filing conforms the Company's tariff to the "urban rate floor" provisions of FCC Order No. 11-161. In the course of that Order, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules concerning the universal service program. The effect of those rules is to penalize any company whose residential rate is less than \$14.00 on June 1, 2013. The penalty is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in universal service support for the Company's operations.

In Docket UT-110858, the Company filed financial information concerning its operations. In discussion with Commission Staff, this filing will be based upon the information that the Company has filed in Docket UT-110858.

As a result of using the financial information filed by the Company in Docket UT-

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110858, the Company is requesting a waiver of the filing requirements of WAC 480-07-160.

The Company estimates that the overall revenue effect of the charges is approximately \$4,800 on an annual basis; assuming that the current number of message rate customers maintains service with Inland. This amount will be reduced by the revenue difference produced by the decrease in the vacation suspend service.

The Notice to customers is attached and includes additional information concerning the filing. The Notice was mailed to customers prior to the date of this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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