June 21, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW

P.O. Box 47250

Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Interstate Telecommunications, Inc.*

 Staff’s Request to Rescind Penalty Assessment UT-160563

Dear Mr. King:

On June 14, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a $1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket UT-160563 against Interstate Telecommunications, Inc. for ten violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-120-382), which requires telecommunications companies to furnish annual reports to the commission no later than May 1 each year, except when May 1 is a weekend, in which case the annual report is due by the next business day. May 2 was the next business day.

The company submitted an incomplete annual report on March 16, 2016. Commission staff worked with the company to provide a complete annual report. The company believed it had provided a complete annual report prior to May 2, however, they are unable to provide documentation confirming this. Throughout the process the company was responsive and worked towards completing the 2015 annual report. As Interstate Telecommunications, Inc. worked diligently with commission staff towards providing a complete annual report, staff recommends that the assessed penalty be withdrawn and the docket closed.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sondra Walsh, Director

Administrative Services