



October 16, 2013

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

Re: Notice Seeking Nominations for Advisory Board - Letter of Interest

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to the Notice Seeking Nominations for Advisory Board, I am submitting this letter of interest to serve on the Advisory Board.

My current position is Chief Financial Officer for both Kalama Telephone Company and Tenino Telephone Company. I have been employed in the telecommunications industry, particularly the rural company portion of the industry, for 23 years. A copy of my resume is attached.

I have been asked by the Washington Independent Telecommunications Association (WITA) to apply for membership on the Advisory Board on behalf of the rural incumbent telephone companies operating in the State of Washington. A letter from WITA is included with this package that verifies that request.

My mailing address is set out on this letter. My direct line is (360) 264-3155. My email address is rvitzthum@scattercreek.net.

I have long been involved in rural incumbent local exchange carrier activities, including access issues, universal service funding issues, call termination issues and other matters affecting the rural segment of the industry. For these reasons, I request that I be appointed to the Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Rick Vitzthum

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Objective

- Support for application for Washington State Universal Service Advisory Board

Education

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | 1978 | GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

- Major: Accounting

Professional Licensing

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

- Washington State, Current license expires June 30, 2015

Experience

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | SCATTER CREEK LIMITED | JANUARY, 1992 TO CURRENT

- Responsible of accounting and regulatory support for Kalama Telephone Company and Tenino Telephone Company and other affiliated companies.

CONTROLLER | KALAMA TELEPHONE COMPANY | MAY, 1990 TO JANUARY, 1992

- Responsible of accounting and regulatory support for Kalama Telephone Company and its affiliates.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT | JOHNSON, STONE, & PAGANO | NOVEMBER, 1986 TO MAY, 1990

- Staff accountant with an emphasis in auditing for small business clients.



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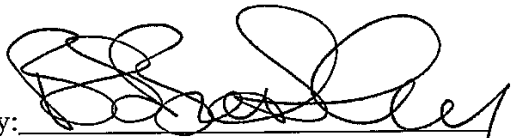
Re: Universal Service Advisory Board

Dear Mr. King:

The Executive Board of the Washington Independent Telecommunications Association (WITA) met to consider who would be an outstanding candidate to serve on the Advisory Board as the representative from incumbent local exchange companies serving fewer than 40 thousand access lines in Washington. After due consideration, WITA's Executive Board asked Rick Vitzthum to step forward and apply for that position.

WITA fully supports Mr. Vitzthum's application to serve on the USF Advisory Board and respectfully requests that the Commission approve his application.

WASHINGTON INDEPENDENT
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

By: 
Betty S. Buckley, Executive Director