Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
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Dear Ms. Washburn:

Subject: GTE COMMENTS – DOCKET NO. UT-990582

Enclosed are an original and nineteen copies of GTE Northwest's comments in the above referenced docket. Also enclosed is a 3 ½ inch diskette with this information.

Please contact Joan Gage of my staff on 425-261-5238 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Lida C. Tong
Director – Regulatory & Government Affairs

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