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**VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-073014

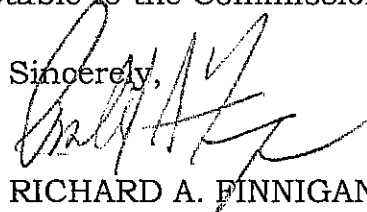
Dear Ms. Washburn:

In the above-referenced docket, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has offered interested parties the opportunity to provide comments on the Commission's line extension rules. This is a matter in which the Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA) is very interested.

However, the Notice extending the opportunity called for comments to be submitted by September 14, 2007. It so happens that WITA's Board meeting at which these matters would be discussed is also scheduled for September 14, 2007.

It is WITA's understanding that in a rulemaking context, the Commission does not necessarily enforce comment dates as hard and fast deadlines. However, in order to be sure that a late filed comment would be accepted by the Commission, WITA respectfully requests the opportunity to file its comments pursuant to the Notice the week of September 17, 2007. Specifically, WITA will target September 19, 2007, if that is acceptable to the Commission.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: Clients (via e-mail)