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Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: *WUTC v. Inland Telephone Company*
Docket No. UT-050606

Dear Ms. Washburn:

I am requesting an extension of time to file Staff's answer to Inland's Petition for Administrative Review. I have family in town, and I have vacation plans starting tomorrow (Friday, September 1) that I made months in advance that would be disrupted by the current schedule. When the August 24 notice issued extending the answer due date to Thursday, September 14, it appeared that I would have no conflict with my family and vacation plans. Since Monday, when I learned of the revised schedule setting the answer, I have been in communication with counsel for Inland regarding extending the schedule.

I propose extending the answer deadline to Thursday, September 14, 2006, and the reply deadline to Monday, September 25, 2006.

Inland has agreed to this extension request as a courtesy because of the schedule conflicts I have described above. As a matter of principle, Inland believes that the parties responding to a Petition should not have a longer period of time to prepare their responses than the party preparing the Petition had. In addition, if the Commission believes it is needed it, Inland has agreed to extend the tariff suspension deadline an additional week to afford the Commission the review time lost by extending the answer time.



Public Counsel and ICS have no objection to this request. I have received no response from Suncadia's counsel. Because Suncadia did not participate in the original briefing, however, I would not expect any objection to a change in this briefing schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski".

JENNIFER CAMERON-RULKOWSKI
Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosures
cc: Parties