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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: Washington Exchange Carrier Association - Docket No. UT-100035

Dear Mr. Danner:

Commission Staff inquired whether in Rule 10 the language "in writing" was construed by WECA to include e-mail transmissions. The answer is yes. E-mail transmissions are commonly accepted today as "writing."

The primary reason for the change in the WECA Rules of Procedure is that the notices were specified as required to be mailed or telefaxed. If the requirement had been simply that the notice shall be in writing, then e-mail would have been included. However, it is not. Therefore, given today's technology, WECA desires to add e-mail as a mode of delivery of docket notices.

Sincerely

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