February 4, 2005

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS (By February 25, 2005)

RE: Rulemaking to consider Amendment of WAC 480-120-450, Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911), Obligations of Local Exchange Companies, Docket No. UT-041629

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 3, 2005, Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA) filed a letter requesting an extension to February 25, 2005, to file written comments in this matter. February 4, 2005 is the deadline for the current round of comments.

The flexibility of the Commission's rulemaking process allows for interested persons to file comments at any time prior to adoption of a rule. However, for administrative purposes, and for the efficiency of the Commission's rulemaking process, comment deadlines are set. The comment process works better for all stakeholders if requests for extensions are received well enough in advance of a deadline for the Commission to serve notice of an extension so that all stakeholders may benefit from the additional time.

The Commission grants WITA's request to delay the filing of its comments to February 25, 2005. The Commission offers any stakeholders who have not yet filed comments and stakeholders who wish to file additional comments during this round the same extension of time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca Beaton at <<u>rbeaton@wutc.wa.gov</u>> or (360) 664-1287.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary