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Ms. Sandra Paske, Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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**RE: Objection to Universal Service Fund Assessment by Cheqtel  
Communications, Inc. and Request for Refund, Docket 1065-UO-100**

Dear Ms. Paske:

Pursuant to the May 8, 2006 Staff Briefing Memorandum (“Briefing Memorandum”) in the above-referenced docket, the Wisconsin State Telecommunications Association (“WSTA”) files this letter as its Comments to the Briefing Memorandum.

The WSTA believes that its position is somewhat understated in the Briefing Memorandum. To be sure, deciding against Cheqtel’s request in this case would be inconsistent with the statutes and Commission rules and would represent bad policy. (Briefing Memorandum at 7.) However, the WSTA’s position on the issues in this case extends beyond the factual situation presented here. Given the precedential value of any Commission decision, a negative decision with respect to any part of Cheqtel’s request would be “bad policy *for the future* [because it] would remove the ability to correct inadvertent errors in future annual reports.” (WSTA Br. at 8 (emphasis added).)

The WSTA believes that the record in this case shows that the statutes and Commission rules require the Commission to grant Cheqtel’s request in full. Further, notwithstanding the statutory and administrative directives, granting Cheqtel’s request in this case would result in a logical and equitable precedent for the future.

Sincerely,  
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