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Dear Anne,

Earlier this week you called to inquire what ETI should do with the proprietary information you have received as Staff’s consultant in the U S WEST rate case, No. USW-S-96-5.  More specifically, you asked whether the material should be returned to the Company or could the proprietary material be destroyed by shredding.

Counsel for the Company has indicated that the proprietary material in your possession may be disposed of by shredding the documents.  Please let me know when you have destroyed the doucments.  If you have any further questions, please contact me at (208) 334-0312.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General

cc:  Mary Hobson

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