

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051262
)	
Ellensburg Telephone Company,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Required Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Connection with Contract)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On August 19, 2005, Ellensburg Telephone Company (Ellensburg or the Company) filed with the Commission a contract to provide Centrex service to Central Washington University.

- 2 WAC 480-80-142 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of September 1, 2005, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. The Company states that classes begin at Central Washington University, and without this effective date, there may be a lapse in service.

- 3 Since the proposed contract appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Ellensburg's request with an effective date of September 1, 2005.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of

public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Ellensburg is a telecommunications company and is a public service
company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Ellensburg is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-142 requiring
telecommunications companies to file contracts for any rate or charge with
thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may
allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UT-051262 and recommended the
less than required notice request of Ellensburg be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on August 31, 2005.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Ellensburg on
August 19, 2005, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for
good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should
become effective September 1, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request sought by Ellensburg Telephone Company for less than
required notice is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 31st day of August, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary