

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-110405
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FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER 01
NORTHWEST INC.,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the)	
Provisions of WAC 480-143-190)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Telecommunications Companies)	FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
Annual Report of 2010 Property)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
Transfer due no later than March 1,)	ANNUAL PROPERTY TRANSFER
2011)	REPORT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On March 1, 2011, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier NW or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a request for an extension of time to file its 2010 annual property transfer report as required by WAC 480-143-190. On March 7, 2011, the Company filed an amended petition for a temporary waiver of the rule. According to Frontier NW, it is unable to prepare the report because the necessary information needed to complete would not be available until March 3, 2011. Frontier NW seeks an extension until March 15, 2011.

2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends the Commission grant the Company's request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

3 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, and securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.12, and RCW 80.36.*

4 (2) Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., is a telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., is subject to WAC 480-143-190, which requires telecommunications companies to file its annual property transfer reports no later than March 1 of each year.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-07-110, the Commission may grant an exemption from its rule in individual cases if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 7 (5) The Company stated reason for additional time to file appears to be valid.
- 8 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2011.
- 9 (7) After review of the petition filed in Docket UT-110405 by Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., file on March 7, 2011, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request by Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., for an exemption from WAC 480-143-190 and its request for an extension of time to file its annual report until March 15, 2011, is granted.
- 11 (2) Failure by Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., to file its annual report by March 15, 2011, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rules and Commission orders.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 15, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary