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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Adopting)	
WAC 480-80-048 Relating to)	DOCKET NO. UT-910856
Telecommunication Access Charges)	
and Allowing Use of Washington)	GENERAL ORDER NO. R-370
Exchange Carrier Association as)	
Filing Agent.)	ORDER ADOPTING
.)	RULES PERMANENTLY

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. WSR 91-21-111 filed with the Code Reviser on October 22, 1991. The rule change hereinafter adopted shall take effect pursuant to RCW 34.05.380(2).

This rulemaking proceeding is brought on pursuant to RCW 80.01.040 and chapter 80.36 RCW and is intended administratively to implement these statutes.

This rulemaking proceeding is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW), the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (chapter 43.21C RCW), and the Regulatory Fairness Act (chapter 19.85 RCW).

Pursuant to Notice No. WSR 91-21-111 the above matter was scheduled for consideration at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 19, 1992, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, before Chairman Sharon L. Nelson and Commissioners Richard D. Casad and A. J. Pardini.

Under the terms of said notice, interested persons were afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments to the

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Commission in writing prior to November 20, 1991, and orally at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 1992, in the Commission's Hearing Room above noted.

At the February 19, 1992, meeting the Commission considered the rule change proposal. Oral comments were made by Mike Moran on behalf of U S WEST Communications and Terry Vann on behalf of the Washington Independent Telephone Association; and written comments were received from T. Larry Barnes on behalf of AT&T, Edward Shaw on behalf of U S WEST Communications, and Terry Vann on behalf of the Washington Independent Telephone Association.

The rule change affects no economic values.

In reviewing the entire record herein, it has been determined that WAC 480-80-048 should be adopted to read as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof. WAC 480-80-048 as adopted will allow the Washington Exchange Carrier Association to serve as filing agent in relation to annual reviews of certain access charges by any local exchange company wishing to join, which serves less than one million access lines and operates in the State of Washington; and as tariff bureau for tariff filings.

The Commission's adoption of WAC 480-80-048 varies in content from the proposal noticed under WSR 91-21-111 in that the amendment to WAC 480-80-047 was deemed inappropriate. That amendment language was added to the new section WAC 480-80-048. In addition,

the first and last sentences of subsection (1) of WAC 480-80-048 (as proposed) have been deleted since the proposed amendment language to WAC 480-80-047 had contained similar language which has been incorporated into WAC 480-80-048.

O R D E R

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED That WAC 480-80-048 as set forth in Appendix A, be adopted as a rule of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to take effect pursuant to RCW 34.05.380(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the order be forwarded to the Code Reviser for filing and recorded in the order register of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW and chapter 1-21 WAC.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 6th day of March, 1992.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner



A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner

A P P E N D I X A

NEW SECTION

WAC 480-80-048 COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION OF WASHINGTON INTRASTATE RATE, TARIFF, OR SERVICE PROPOSALS. (1) Upon approval by the commission of its rules of procedure, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) may file with the commission petitions and publish and file with the commission tariffs and may represent before the commission those of its members that authorize it to do so. WECA's rules of procedure may provide for joint or collective consideration of proposals for changes in intrastate toll, interexchange and/or access rates, tariffs or conditions of service.

(2) All initial WECA tariffs and all changes to such tariffs shall be submitted to the commission subject to all the procedural requirements and protections associated with telecommunications company filings before the commission.

(3) Nothing contained in this rule shall prevent any member of WECA from independently submitting to, or filing with, the commission directly any tariff, revenue requirement computation, report, or proposal.

(4) The commission has the authority to supervise the activities of WECA. However, such supervision shall not compromise the independent evaluation by the commission of any filing or proposal which must be submitted to the commission for final approval.

(5) To the extent that WECA is involved in the collection and redistribution of funds pursuant to commission orders authorizing certain revenue sharing arrangements under common tariff, it shall maintain and provide to the commission monthly and annual financial reports relating to such arrangements. These reports shall include actual fund collections and distributions to each member local exchange company and the basis upon which the collection and distribution is made.

(6) Each local exchange telecommunication company serving less than one million access lines in the state of Washington has the option of utilizing the Washington Exchange Carrier Association as its filing agent/tariff bureau. Companies utilizing WECA may file collectively nontraffic sensitive, traffic sensitive, special access and/or billing and collection revenue and revenue requirement computations and/or tariffs.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed as amending or modifying WECA's current methods of administering the NTS/USF pools or the community calling fund under WAC 480-120-400, et seq.