

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	
)	DOCKET NO. UT-021600
)	
)	FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
Revocation of Telecommunications)	
Registrations of the Company's)	ORDER GRANTING
Listed on Attachment A for Failure)	RECONSIDERATION;
to File Annual Reports and Pay)	RESCINDING REVOCATION
Regulatory Fees.)	AND REINSTATING
)	REGISTRATION OF QAI, INC.
)	D/B/A LONG DISTANCE
)	BILLING
.....)	

1 **Synopsis:** *The Commission resolved the issues in this docket by final order dated March 14, 2003. QAI – a registered telecommunications company – complied with requirements to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees for 2001 on March 24, 2003. The Commission accepts compliance as seeking reconsideration, and grants the reconsideration, rescinding revocation and reinstating QAI’s registration.*

2 **Procedural History:** On December 5, 2002, Commission Staff opened this docket as part of its yearly review of annual reports and regulatory fees for telecommunications companies registered to do business in the state of Washington. As a result, Commission Staff identified QAI, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Billing (“QAI”) – a registered telecommunications company – as not complying with requirements to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees for 2001. On December 31, 2002, Staff caused a notice to be served by registered mail to QAI at the company’s last known address in the Commission’s records. The notice informed QAI that, according to Commission records, the company had not complied with requirements for 2001.

3 The notice also informed QAI that if the company wanted to avoid revocation of its registration, the company must either file an annual report and pay regulatory fees for 2001 or request a hearing to demonstrate why the company’s registration should not be revoked. QAI failed to respond to the notice of impending

registration revocation, and on March 14, 2003, the Commission entered a Final Order in this proceeding revoking the registrations of 82 telecommunications companies, including QAI.

4 **Relevant Statutes and Commission Rules:** RCW 80.04.080 requires public service companies to furnish annual reports to the Commission in such form as the Commission may require. WAC 480-120-033 states that the Annual Report of Local and Competitive Telecommunications Companies shall be filed with the Commission no later than May 1 of the succeeding year. RCW 80.24.010 provides that, on or before the date specified by the Commission for filing annual reports, each company is to pay to the Commission the appropriate regulatory fee. WAC 480-121-060 allows the Commission to revoke a registration, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, for good cause. Good cause includes failure to file an annual report or pay regulatory fees.

5 Parties may seek administrative relief from a final order of the Commission through a petition for reconsideration, filed within 10 days of the service of the order pursuant to RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 480-09-810.

6 **QAI's Compliance with Statutes and Commission Rules:** QAI complied with requirements to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees for 2001 within 10 days of service of the Commission's Final Order in this proceeding. Although the company did not expressly refer to its compliance as a petition seeking relief from the Commission's Final Order, it appears to be, and will be treated as, a petition for reconsideration.

MEMORANDUM

7 The primary purpose of this proceeding was to provide an opportunity for registered telecommunications companies to avoid revocation of their registrations by filing an annual report and paying regulatory fees for 2001. Registered telecommunications companies must comply with these requirements in order for the Commission to fulfill its statutory duty to act in the public interest.

8 QAI's petition for reconsideration was timely filed and the company's compliance with requirements stated in statutes and the Commission's rules accomplishes the purpose of this proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission

finds good cause to rescind the revocation of QAI's registration, and the company is reinstated as a registered telecommunications company in Washington State.

VI. ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That:

- 9 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of and the parties to this proceeding.
- 10 (2) The Commission has considered QAI, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Billing's compliance with requirements to file annual reports and pay regulatory fees for 2001. The Commission treats QAI's compliance as seeking reconsideration of the final order, and finds good cause to change its final order.
- 11 (3) The revocation of QAI's registration is rescinded, and the company is reinstated as a registered telecommunications company in Washington State.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this ____ day of March, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner