

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

<p>In the Matter of the Petition of</p> <p>INTALCO ALUMINUM CORPORATION,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner,</p> <p>Rescinding Previous Commission Orders Granting Exemption from Clearance Rules</p>	<p>DOCKET TR-250965</p> <p>ORDER 01</p> <p>RESCINDING ORDERS GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULES</p>
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On June 30, 1971, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order RC-097 granting Intalco Aluminum Corporation’s (Intalco or Company) application for an exemption to the track clearance rules for Tracks K and L at its aluminum smelter facility located in Ferndale, Washington. On April 19, 1972, the Commission entered Order RC-118 granting Intalco’s application for an exemption to the side clearance rules for a car puller housing at the same facility. On April 20, 1979, the Commission entered Order TR-1212 granting Intalco’s application for an exemption from WAC 480-60-050 for side clearances at two cast house platform extensions at the same facility.
- 2 On November 17, 2025, Commission staff (Staff) contacted Intalco to schedule an on-site inspection of these restricted clearance sites. On November 20, 2025, Intalco submitted an email to Staff stating the facility is in the process of being demolished and the restricted clearance locations will no longer exist.
- 3 Intalco’s aluminum smelter closed in March 2023. The information provided by the Company demonstrates that the exemptions from the track spacing and side clearance rules are no longer necessary.

**DISCUSSION**

- 4 We agree with Staff’s recommendation and rescind the orders granting exemption from the track spacing and side clearance rules. Removing these exemptions is consistent with public interest.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 5 (1) The Commission is an agency of the state of Washington having jurisdiction over public service companies, including railroads, within the state of Washington. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01, RCW 81.04, and RCW 81.53.
- 6 (2) Commission Staff has investigated the orders and recommends they be rescinded.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 29, 2026.
- 8 (4) After reviewing the information provided by Staff and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that rescinding the orders is in the public's interest.

**ORDER**

- 9 The Commission orders that the June 30, 1971, April 19, 1972, and April 20, 1979, orders granting exemption from the Commission's clearance rules be rescinded as of the effective date of this Order.
- 10 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective January 29, 2026.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

JEFF KILLIP,  
Executive Director and Secretary