

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

In the Matter of the Petition of the	)	
	)	DOCKET UT-100035
	)	
WASHINGTON EXCHANGE	)	ORDER 01
CARRIER ASSOCIATION,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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Seeking Revision of Rules of	)	
Procedure Originally authorized in	)	ORDER GRANTING REVISIONS
Docket UT-920373.	)	WITH CONDITIONS
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On January 4, 2010, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in Docket UT-100035 a petition for an order approving revision of procedures originally authorized in Docket UT-920373. The revisions clarify that electronic mail (e-mail) may be used in addition to mail and fax to provide notice to the association’s list of interested parties.
- 2     Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting WECA’s request for revisions, subject to the following two conditions:
- WECA must maintain a public webpage to facilitate participation in its processes by interested parties, the general public, and the Commission. The webpage shall include WECA’s contact information. WECA must notify the Commission by letter when it has a plan and implementation schedule for the webpage.
  - WECA must accept e-mail as equivalent to other approved forms of communication for all purposes.

**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, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.36.*

- 4 (2) WECA is authorized by and subject to WAC 480-120-352.
- 5 (3) The revisions to the rules of procedure requested by WECA on January 4, 2010, and the conditions outlined above by commission staff are appropriate and consistent with the public interest because they make use of current technology to facilitate participation in WECA's procedures.
- 6 (4) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2010.
- 7 (5) After review of the petition filed in Docket UT-100035 by WECA on January 4, 2010, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the revisions and conditions expressed herein are in the public interest and are consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and should be granted.

## **ORDER**

### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 8 (1) The request by the Washington Exchange Carrier Association for revisions to its rules of procedure is granted with the following conditions:
- (A) WECA must maintain a public webpage to facilitate participation in its processes by interested parties, the general public, and the Commission. The webpage shall include WECA's contact information. WECA must file by March 31, 2010, an implementation plan including a date on which the web page will be functional.

(B) WECA must accept e-mail as equivalent to other approved forms of communication for all purposes.

9 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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 February 11, 2010.

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary**