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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET UT-941203
TCG Seattle for an Order Authorizing)	
the Registration of Applicant as a)	AUTHORIZING
Telecommunications Company.)	REGISTRATION
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On September 16, 1994, TCG Seattle filed an application for registration as a telecommunications company in Docket UT-941203. TCG Seattle seeks authority to provide private line and special access services as well as facilities based intra-exchange and interexchange switched telecommunications services.

TCG Seattle is a partnership 35 percent owned by TCG Partners, 42.8 percent owned by TCI Teleport of Seattle, Inc., and 22.2 percent owned by Viacom Telecom, Inc., an affiliate of Viacom Cablevision, Inc. TCG Partners is 30.06 percent owned by Cox Teleport Partners, Inc., 29.94 percent owned by TCI Teleport Partners, Inc., 20 percent owned by Continental Teleport Partners, Inc., and 20 percent owned by Comcast Teleport Partners, Inc. Cox Teleport Partners, Inc., is wholly-owned by Cox Enterprises, Inc., which in turn is a publicly held company. TCI Teleport Partners, Inc., is wholly-owned by Tele-Communications, Inc., which in turn is a publicly held company. Continental Teleport Partners, Inc., is wholly-owned by Continental Cablevision, Inc. Continental Cablevision is privately owned by five individuals who own more than five percent interest. Comcast Teleport Partners, Inc., is wholly-owned by Comcast Corporation which, in turn, is a publicly held company. Viacom International, Inc., is wholly-owned by Viacom, Inc., which, in turn, is a publicly held company.

TCG Seattle seeks authority to provide intraexchange and inter-exchange throughout the state of Washington. TCG Seattle has indicated it will collect and remit funds in support of E-911, Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), Washington Telephone Assistance Program, and Universal Service Fund program.

TCG Seattle has provided information showing that it possesses adequate financial resources, and technical competence to provide the proposed services. TCG Seattle does not propose to collect advance payments or deposits from customers.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

1. TCG Seattle filed an application pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.050 and the rules and regulations of the Commission for an order approving its application for registration as a telecommunications company.

2. As to form, the application filed herein, as supplemented and amended, meets the requirements of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.

3. The registration of TCG Seattle as a telecommunications company is not inconsistent with the public interest.

4. In this proceeding, the Commission in no way endorses the financial viability of TCG Seattle nor the investment quality of any securities it may issue.

5. TCG Seattle has provided sufficient information to show that it is financially and technically capable to provide the services proposed.

O R D E R

1. After the effective date of this order and subject to the conditions hereof, the application of TCG Seattle filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 requesting an order authorizing registration as a telecommunications company to provide service to the public in this state is approved.

2. Prior to supplying service to the public as a telecommunications company, TCG Seattle shall file a tariff with the Commission identical to the amended Exhibit G of the application. The tariff shall bear an effective date not less than thirty days subsequent to the date of receipt by the Commission.

3. This order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over the rates, services, accounts, evaluations, estimates, or determination of cost, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything in this order be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of cost or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.

4. TCG Seattle shall not collect advance payments or deposits without first showing that it has a satisfactory arrangement to protect customer monies as stated in WAC 480-121-040.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9th day of November, 1994.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


STEVE McLELLAN, Secretary