

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Contract filed for)	DOCKET NO. UT-951081
the Operation of the Data Distribution)	
Center –)	ORDER APPROVING
)	MODIFICATION TO CONTRACT
WASHINGTON EXCHANGE)	APPROVAL TO ADD A NEW
CARRIER ASSOCIATION)	PARTICIPANT

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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 29, 1995, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) approved a contract concerning the operations of the Data Distribution Center (DDC) for use in the new Primary Toll Carrier environment operating in Washington. The DDC measures originating and terminating intraLATA toll traffic for Primary Toll Carriers (PTCs). The original form of the contract had each of the initial PTCs and Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) as signatories to the DDC agreement. Since that time, various other carriers have been admitted through an addendum process. WECA is now circulating the ninth and tenth addendums to eleven and twelve prior parties for signature each time a new carrier enters the DDC. This process has become administratively cumbersome and has the effect of slowing down a CLEC's participation in the DDC.

- 2 On July 27, 2001, WECA filed a petition requesting authorization for WECA and the new entrant into the Data Distribution Center to sign an addendum that would admit the new entrant into the operation of the DDC without the need to circulate the addendum for signature by all other participants in the DDC.

- 3 Since the petition filed herein is fair, just and reasonable and approval is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate to grant as requested, effective November 17, 2001, the modification to the contract approval to add a new participant.

FINDINGS OF FACT

4 After careful examination of the petition filed herein by Washington Exchange Carrier Association , giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the modification to the contract approval of adding a new participant should become effective November 17, 2001.

5 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 16, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

ORDER

6 The Commission orders that the petition filed herein by the Washington Exchange Carrier Association, be approved and said petition shall become effective November 17, 2001.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 16th day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary