

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UT-971689
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
OF THE NORTHWEST d/b/a)	ORDER DISCONTINUING
SPRINT)	REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
)	
for Competitive Classification of its)	
IntraLATA Toll Services)	
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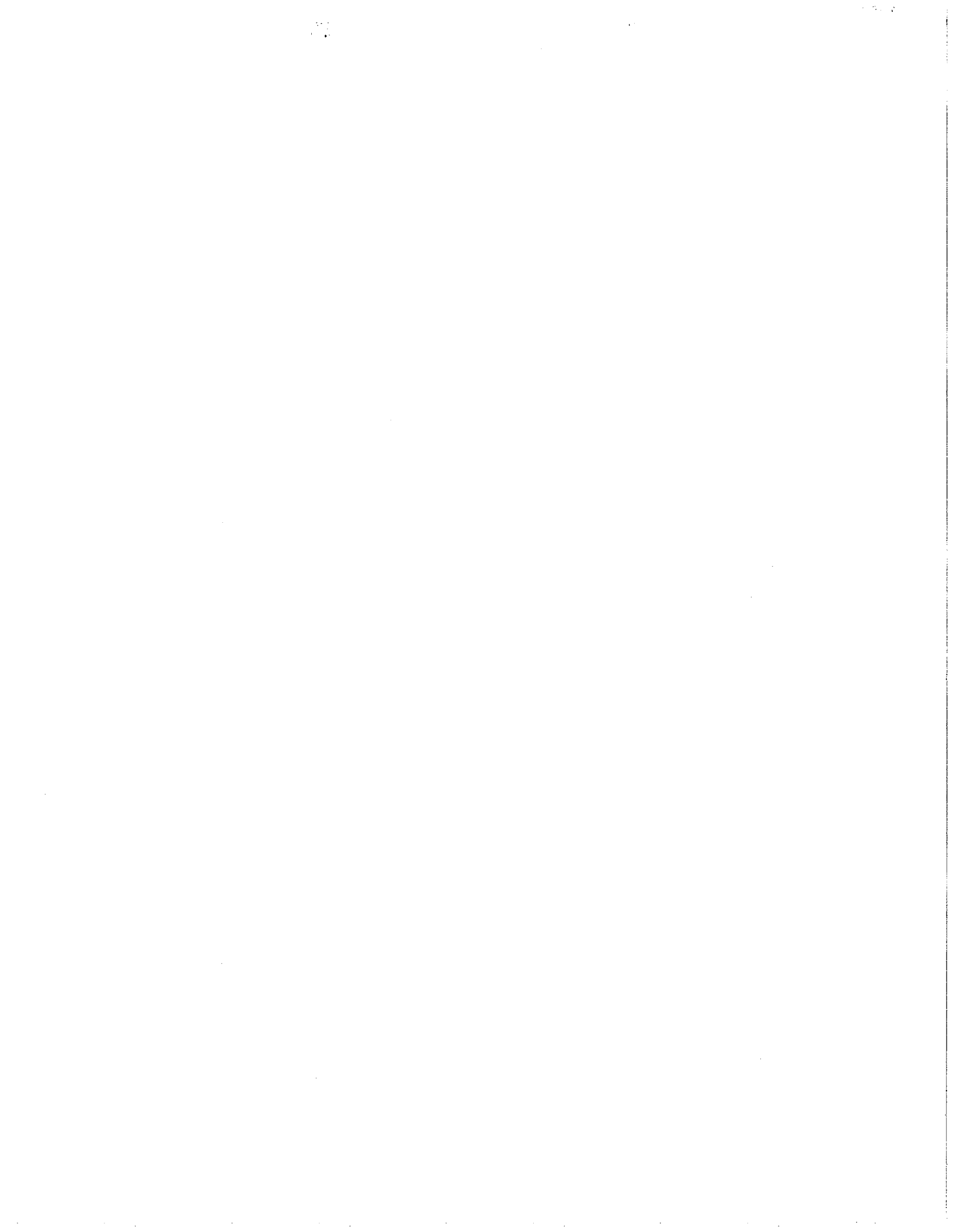
BACKGROUND

On January 28, 1998, the Commission issued an Order in this matter granting the petition of United Telephone Company of the Northwest (United) for competitive classification of its intraLATA toll services. In that Order the Commission required United to file a report every six months on the status of competition in the relevant market for its intraLATA intrastate switched inter-exchange message toll service. The reporting was required so that the Commission could determine if this market was truly competitive and whether the Commission's competitive classification of the service should be re-visited. United, to date, has reported results of the status of competition in this toll market as required.

MEMORANDUM

In a July 29, 1999 letter to the Commission, United requested that the Commission relieve it of the obligation to continue its reporting requirement. Additionally, United reported that there has been no significant change in the past six months in the number and size of alternative providers in the relevant intraLATA intrastate toll market.

Since United's intraLATA intrastate toll became competitively classified, inter-exchange carriers have entered the relevant toll market. The Commission is satisfied with the competitive status of this market and believes that this reporting requirement is no longer necessary. **The company has committed to continue to make available all information regarding the status of competition in the intraLATA intrastate toll market at the request of Commission staff.** Therefore, the Commission believes the reporting requirement should be discontinued effective November 24, 1999.



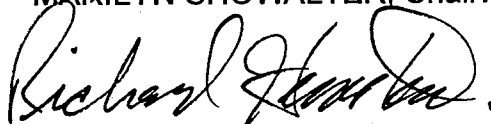
ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the reporting requirement imposed on United Telephone Company of the Northwest in this matter is discontinued effective November 24, 1999.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of November, 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman


RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner


WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner