

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)

Complainant,)

v.)

WASHINGTON EXCHANGE)
CARRIERS ASSOCIATION, et al.,)

Respondent.)
.....)

DOCKET NO. UT-971140

SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
ON POST-ORDER PROCESS

BACKGROUND

On October 30, 1998, the Commission entered the *Fifth Supplemental Order Rejecting Tariff Filing* (5TH ORDER) in this matter. In that Order, the Commission directed the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA), the individual WECA member companies, and Commission Staff, and invited interested persons, "to begin informal discussions on a monthly basis to address" a series of issues delineated in the Order.

MEMORANDUM


The participants in this process, through Commission Staff, have jointly requested clarification from the Commission on the context for these "informal" discussions vis-a-vis the distribution, use, and reference to confidential information in their discussion and resolution of the issues placed before them by the 5TH ORDER. The Commission reminds the parties that the requirement to address and resolve issues attending the annual WECA filing is one imposed by Commission Order, notwithstanding the "informal" nature of the process. These discussions are therefore conducted under the terms of the 5TH ORDER, and that Order and all prior Orders in this proceeding, including the *First Supplemental Order - Protective Order*, entered October 17, 1997, attend this post-Order process.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the informal process chartered in the Fifth Supplemental Order is subject to all procedural protections attending this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13th day of January 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


ANNE LEVINSON, Chair


WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner