

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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)	DOCKET NO. UT-970345
United States Cellular Corporation;)	
USOC of Washington RSA-4, Inc.;)	
Western Sub-RSA Ltd. Partnership;)	SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
McDaniel Cellular Telephone Company;)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION
Oregon RSA No. 2 Limited partnership;)	FOR DESIGNATION AS ELIGIBLE
United States Cellular Operating Co. of)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS
Richland; Yakima, Washington MSA)	
Limited Partnership.)	
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for designation as Eligible)	
Telecommunications Carriers.)	
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This matter came on for consideration at the Commission's regularly scheduled open meeting of December 29, 1999, by a petition filed by United States Cellular Corporation (USCC) for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation in specified exchanges.

During the meeting, it became apparent that service is actually provided under license with USCC by six licensees – all wholly or partially owned by USCC, and each licensed by the FCC to provide cellular telecommunications service in identified territory relevant to this petition. To assure that the designation is properly made of a carrier entitled to provide service and responsible for that service, the Commission unanimously authorized USCC to amend its petition by joining its licensees in the petition.

The Commission then discussed whether to grant the petition. The petition was contested by Rural Telephone Companies already designated as ETCs in exchanges sought by the petition. The companies opposed the designation.

The Commission engaged in extensive discussion of the issues and decided on a split vote to grant the petition, as amended. In this order the Commission implements the decision and grants the petition.

The Commission understands that the issues that it has considered and resolved in this decision are significant. The Commission believes that its reasoning and analysis, expressed during the open meeting discussions, should be set forth in some detail in a subsequent order because the time for action does not permit doing so in this Order.

Therefore, the Commission implements its decision to grant the amended petition and reserves for entry in a later order its formal statement of reasons for taking this action and for the formal statement of the dissenting views of one Commissioner.

ORDER

Based on the information in the petition and other information presented or referenced during the open meeting, the Commission orders the following:

The petition of United States Cellular Corporation is amended per the petitioner's request to add its licensees as carriers requesting ETC designation. The Commission considers each designation as an independent designation.

The petition for designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers is granted as set out in Appendix A, attached to this Order and by this reference made a part hereof.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 30th day of December, 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

APPENDIX A

Exchanges in which United States Cellular Corporation and/or its licensees are designated as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers:

CASTLEROCK^	US WEST PNW BELL
CATHLAMET*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
CHINOOK*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
DALLESPORT*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
GOLDENDALE*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
GRAYS RIVER*	W WAHAKIYAKUM CNTY TEL
KALAMA*	KALAMA TEL CO
LONG BEACH*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
LONGVIEW-KELSO^	US WEST PNW BELL
LYLE*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
NASELLE*	W WAHAKIYAKUM CNTY TEL
OCEAN PARK*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
ROOSEVELT*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
STEVENSON*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
TOLEDO*	TOLEDO TEL CO INC
VADER*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
WHITE SALMON*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
WILLARD*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
WISHRAM*	UNITED TEL CO OF NW
WOODLAND^	GTE NORTHWEST - WA
YALE*	LEWIS RIVER TEL CO

^ Indicates designations for U.S. Cellular in 1977

* Indicates exchanges served by rural telephone company

ABERDEEN^	US WEST PNW BELL
CENTRALIA^	US WEST PNW BELL
CHEHALIS^	US WEST PNW BELL
COPALIS	US WEST PNW BELL
CURTIS*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
ELMA*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
GLENOMA*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
HUMPTULIPS*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
LAKE QUINAULT*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
MONTESANO*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
MORTON*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
MOSSYROCK*	MCDANIEL TEL CO INC
OCOSTA*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
PACKWOOD*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
PE ELL*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
RANDLE*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
RAYMOND*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
SALKUM*	MCDANIEL TEL CO INC
SHELTON	US WEST PNW BELL
SOUTH BEND*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
WESTPORT*	CONTEL NW DBA GTE NW
WINLOCK^	US WEST PNW BELL
BASIN CITY*	CENTURYTEL OF WA
BENTON CITY	GTE NORTHWEST - WA

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