

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UT-060762
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 08
Complainant,)	
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
v.)	ORDER
)	
)	NOTICE OF STATUS
WESTGATE COMMUNICATIONS,)	CONFERENCE
LLC d/b/a WEAVTEL,)	(Set for July 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.)
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Respondent.)	
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** On February 20, 2014, Westgate Communications, LLC d/b/a WeavTel (WeavTel or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a request to increase its permanent revenue objective under the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) Washington Carrier Access Plan to \$226,000. WeavTel’s current revenue objective, originally set in 2009 and reaffirmed in 2010, is \$38,623.

2 **CONFERENCE.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington, on May 7, 2014, before Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta.

3 **APPEARANCES.** Michael Glaser, Denver, Colorado represents WeavTel. Donald T. Trotter, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (Commission Staff or Staff).¹ Contact information provided at the conference for the parties’ representatives is attached as an Appendix to this order.

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this, the Commission’s regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. See, RCW 34.05.455.

- 4 **PETITION TO INTERVENE.** WECA filed a petition to intervene. WECA's petition states good cause for intervention, and the parties did not object. The Commission grants WECA's petition to intervene.
- 5 **NEED FOR REQUESTED RELIEF.** Prior to addressing other matters, the parties discussed whether there is any utility to the Commission establishing a permanent revenue objective for WeaveTel in light of the legislature's enactment of a state universal service fund and the Commission's anticipated adoption of rules to implement that fund in Docket UT-131239. The parties agreed to postpone further proceedings in this docket until after the Commission has adopted those rules and WeaveTel is better able to determine their impact on its request for a permanent revenue objective.
- 6 **NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE:** The Commission will hold a status conference to determine how to proceed in this matter on Tuesday, **July 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.**, Room 139, First Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The Commission's conference bridge line (360-664-3846) will also be available to the parties for this status conference.
- 7 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 12, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX

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DOCKET UT-060762**

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