

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UT-060762
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	ORDER 09
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
)	TO WITHDRAW PETITION
)	
WESTGATE COMMUNICATIONS,)	
LLC d/b/a WEAVTEL,)	
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Respondent.)	
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BACKGROUND

- 1 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 (Plan) to \$226,000 for purposes of revising the level of support the Company is eligible to receive from the traditional universal service fund WECA administers under the Plan.

- 2 At the prehearing conference on May 7, 2014, 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 adopted those rules and WeaveTel was better able to determine their impact on its request for a permanent revenue objective.

- 3 On May 23, 2014, the Commission entered General Order R-575 in Docket UT-131239 adopting rules to implement the recently enacted state universal service fund. On that same date, the Commission entered Order 10 in Docket UT-971140 terminating the traditional universal service fund WECA administers.

4 On June 27, 2014, WeavTel filed a letter with the Commission requesting to withdraw its petition for a permanent revenue objective. The Company acknowledges that no purpose can be served by continuing to seek a permanent revenue objective when the Commission has terminated the traditional universal service fund. WeavTel expresses its gratitude for Commission Staff's ongoing assistance.

DISCUSSION

5 The Commission agrees that WeavTel's petition is moot. A permanent revenue objective is a vestige of the traditional universal service fund the Commission has now terminated. Proceeding with the Company's petition would be a meaningless exercise and a waste of party and Commission resources. Accordingly, withdrawal of the petition is in the public interest, and the Commission grants WeavTel's request to do so.

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That

7 (1) The request of Westgate Communications, LLC d/b/a WeavTel to withdraw its petition for a permanent revenue objective is GRANTED.

8 (2) All further proceedings in this docket are cancelled, and the docket is closed.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 7, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge