

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	
	)	DOCKET NO. UT-011360
Network US, Inc.,	)	
d/b/a CA Affinity	)	
for waiver of WAC 480-120-139	)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	)	OF RULES

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On October 2, 2001, Network US, Inc., d/b/a CA Affinity (Network) filed a petition requesting waiver of WAC 480-120-139 for the transfer of intraLATA and interLATA toll service from Affinity Corporation, d/b/a Affinity Long Distance (Affinity).
- 2 The reason for this request is that Network purchased the customer base of Affinity whose accounts are comprised of intraLATA and interLATA toll service. Under WAC 480-120-139, "changes in local exchange and intrastate toll services," Network would not be able to submit a change in a customer's local service and intrastate toll service without confirming the customer's authorization in accordance with requirements in the rule.
- 3 This request is limited specifically to this transfer of Affinity's customer base. Customer notices have been reviewed and will be mailed to all affected customers informing them of their options. Network will credit any charge imposed by local exchange carriers for changing the customer's primary interexchange carrier to Network. Network's products and services are similar to those offered by Affinity. Network will provide Affinity's customers rates that are the same or lower than Affinity's existing rates for a period of 90 days.
- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on October 31, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

**FINDINGS**

- 5 (1) Network US, Inc., d/b/a CA Affinity and Affinity Corporation d/b/a Affinity Long Distance are public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of chapter 80.36 RCW.
- 6 (2) The waiver of WAC 480-120-139 as described above, is reasonable and consistent with the public interest subject to the mailing of the customer notice, and should therefore be approved.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 After the effective date of this order, Network US, Inc., d/b/a CA Affinity is hereby granted a waiver of WAC 480-120-139, for the initial transfer of intraLATA and interLATA toll service from Affinity Corporation d/b/a Affinity Long Distance subject to the mailing of the customer notice.

DATED AT Olympia, Washington, and effective this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary