

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
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REDUCED RATE LONG DISTANCE, LLC)	DOCKET UT-011444
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For Waiver of WAC 480-120-139)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF RULES
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 25, 2001, Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC (Reduced Rate) filed with the Commission a petition requesting waiver of WAC 480-120-139 for the transfer of IntraLATA and interLATA toll customers from Combined Billing Corporation (Combined Billing).

- 2 This request is prompted by Reduced Rate’s purchase of the customer base of Combined Billing, whose accounts comprise both intraLATA and interLATA toll service. Under WAC 480-120-139, “Changes in local exchange and intrastate toll services,” Reduced Rate would not be able to submit a change in a customer’s intrastate toll service without confirming the customer’s authorization in accordance with requirements in the rule.

- 3 This request is limited specifically to the transference of Combined Billing’s customer base. Customer notices have been reviewed by Commission Staff and will be mailed to all affected customers informing them of their options. Reduced Rate will credit any charge imposed by local exchange carriers for changing the customers’ primary interexchange carriers to Reduced Rate. Reduced Rate’s products and services are similar to those offered by Combined Billing. For a period of 30 days, Reduced Rate will provide Combined Billing customers rates that are the same or lower than Combined Billing’s existing rates.

- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 16, 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) Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC and Combined Billing Corporation, are public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the 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

7 THE COMMISSION GRANTS The waiver of WAC 480-120-139 of Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC after the effective date of this order, for the initial transfer of intraLATA and interLATA toll customers from Combined Billing Corporation subject to the mailing of the customer notice.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 16th day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary