

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	DOCKET UT-961462
of Rainier Cable, Inc.)	
Order Authorizing the Registration)	AUTHORIZING REGISTRATION
of Applicant as a)	AND PROVISION OF SWITCHED
Telecommunications)	INTRAEXCHANGE
Company)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS
.....)		SERVICES

On November 20, 1996, Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group (Rainier Cable) filed an application for registration as a telecommunications company pursuant to RCW 80.36.350. Rainier Cable proposes to offer telecommunications services as an alternative local exchange company throughout Washington. Rainier Cable proposes to initially offer services in the Pierce County area with plans to expand throughout Washington in time. Rainier Cable would offer the full range of telecommunications services both within and between exchanges from company owned switching equipment.

Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group is a Washington corporation with perpetual duration. The applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mashell, Inc. Mr. Arne Haynes is President/Director, Mr. Arndon O. Haynes is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Ms. Lillie D. Haynes is Vice President/Director.

Rainier Cable has filed a proposed tariff, attached as Exhibit G, which will be amended by Rainier Cable and then approved by the Commission prior to supplying service to the public. The company has provided information showing that it possesses adequate financial resources, and technical competence to provide the proposed services. Rainier Cable has voluntarily committed to collect and remit to the appropriate administrative agencies relevant excise taxes in support of various social programs, including enhanced 911, lifeline, and the telecommunications relay services. Rainier Cable does not propose to collect advanced payments or deposits from customers.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

1. Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group, filed an application pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.050 and the rules and regulations of the Commission for an order approving its application for registration as a telecommunications company.

2. As to form, the application filed herein, as supplemented and amended, meets the requirements of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.

3. The registration of Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group, as a telecommunications company is not inconsistent with the public interest.

4. In this proceeding, the Commission in no way endorses the financial viability of applicant nor the investment quality of any securities it may issue.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. After the effective date of this order and subject to the conditions hereof, the application of Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a/ Rainier Group, filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 requesting an order authorizing registration as a telecommunications company to provide services to the public in this state is approved.

2. This order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over rates, service, accounts, valuations, estimates or determination of costs, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.

3. Prior to supplying service to the public as a telecommunications company, Rainier Cable, Inc., shall file and

receive permission and approval for an initial tariff. The tariff shall bear an effective date not less than 30 days subsequent to the date of receipt by the Commission.

4. Registration of Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group, as a telecommunications company shall not be construed as an endorsement of financial viability nor of the investment quality of any securities it may issue.

5. As a telecommunications company providing service to the public in this state, Rainier Cable, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Group, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of Title 80 RCW and all rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of February, 1997.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner