

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-238, Cause No. U-85-44, filed 9/19/85)

WAC 480-80-010 Application of rules. (1) These rules shall apply to any public service company, defined as such by the laws of the state of Washington, as amended, operating a gas, electric, telecommunications, water or irrigation plant which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Washington utilities and transportation commission as to rates and service.

(2) Upon acceptable showing by any utility, the commission may waive or modify, as to that utility, the provisions of any rule herein contained, except when such provisions are fixed by statute.

(3) In no case shall any utility deviate from these rules unless authorized in writing by the commission.

(4) Competitively classified telecommunications companies previously granted exemptions from chapter 480-80 WAC Utilities general--Tariff are not exempt from WAC 480-80-035 Price lists and WAC 480-80-325 Contract for service. Exemptions from the provisions of chapter 480-80 WAC include only the provisions in effect at the time the exemption was granted.

NEW SECTION

WAC 480-80-035 Price lists. (1) Pursuant to RCW 80.36.310 telecommunications services classified by the commission as competitive will be offered under price lists. All services of competitive telecommunications companies as classified by the commission under RCW 80.36.310 will be offered under price lists.

(2) All price lists filed with the commission must describe the service being offered and all prices, charges, terms, and conditions pertaining thereto. Each page of every price list shall contain, in general, the company name, the page number, and the effective date. All subsequent revisions of a price list shall bear consecutive revision numbers. Price lists must provide sufficient detail for customers and potential customers reasonably to determine what is being offered and what charges the customer incurs in obtaining the service.

(3) Contracts (including modifications to previously executed contracts) for services which are governed by this section may be offered subject to the requirements of this subsection.

(a) Contracts of companies classified "competitive" under RCW 80.36.310 shall be filed with the commission not later than five business days after execution. A contract filed pursuant to this subdivision will not be rejected by the commission in the absence of competent evidence that the contract is unlawful.

(b) Contracts which offer services classified as "competitive" under RCW 80.36.330 shall be filed with the commission at least ten days prior to the effective date. Such contracts may not include both "price listed" and "tariffed" services unless the tariffed services are set forth separately and offered under an approved tariff or contract (see WAC 480-80-330). A contract filed pursuant to this subdivision may be rejected if the telecommunications company is unable to document that the price charged covered its relevant costs under either a long run incremental cost analysis

or a fully distributed cost analysis, whichever is lower, or any other commission-approved cost method. A contract filed pursuant to this subdivision may also be rejected upon a showing that it is otherwise unlawful. To meet its burden of proving that the contract is cost-based, the company shall, at a minimum, provide the following information at the time of filing:

(i) A statement summarizing the basis of the rate or charge proposed in the contract and an explanation of the derivation of the proposed rate or charge; and

(ii) An explanation of all cost computations involved in arriving at the derivation of the level of the rate or charge in the contract.

(c) All contracts filed pursuant to this subsection shall be for a stated time period.

(d) Filings under this subsection may be submitted with portions designated "confidential" pursuant to WAC 480-08-015. However, any filing which designates as "confidential" the essential terms and conditions will be rejected by the commission.

(4) Federal contracts. Where a federal agency asserts its authority to solicit a firm offer of services and a contract subject to this section is submitted in response to that solicitation, the provisions of subsection (3) of this section will not apply. Upon the acceptance of such a contract offer by the federal agency, the telecommunications company shall immediately file the contract with the commission and must include the same documentation otherwise required by this section.

(5) Federal universal service contracts with schools, libraries, and rural health care providers pursuant to 47 CFR, Part 54. When a telecommunications company enters into a contract to provide competitively classified service to a school, library, or rural health care provider, as part of the federal universal service program, the telecommunications company must file the contract if the rates, terms, or conditions of the prediscounted contract service depart from the price list. The contract must be filed immediately upon acceptance by the administrator of the federal universal service program. The filing must include the same documentation required for approval by subsection (3)(b) of this section. The contract shall become effective immediately upon filing with the commission, or at such later time as is specified in the contract.

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WAC 480-80-325 Contract for service. Whenever the classification of service under which the customer is to be served requires that such service shall be taken for a specified minimum period, a contract may be executed. A sample copy of each typical contract form currently in use by the utility shall be submitted to the commission and the commission shall be notified when any change other than a minor deviation is made in these forms.

Any contract with an information provider shall require that the information provider, in any institutional advertising or promotion, state prominently in such advertising the cost to the customer.

NEW SECTION

WAC 480-80-326 Contract for gas and electric service. Whenever the classification of service under which the customer or applicant is to be served requires that such service shall be taken for a specified minimum period, a contract may be executed. A sample copy of each typical contract form currently used by the utility shall be submitted to the commission.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 480-80-047	Access charges.
WAC 480-80-048	Collective consideration of Washington intrastate rate, tariff, or service proposals.
WAC 480-80-049	Caller identification service.
WAC 480-80-120	Notice to the public of tariff changes.
WAC 480-80-390	Mandatory cost changes for telecommunications companies.