

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

LEGENT COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION d/b/a LONG
DISTANCE AMERICA

For Waiver of WAC 480-120-139

DOCKET UT-020779

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF
RULES

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 19, 2002, Legent Communications Corporation d/b/a Long Distance America, (Legent) filed with the Commission a petition requesting exemption from WAC 480-120-139 for the transfer of intrastate intraLATA and interLATA toll customers from CEO Telecommunications, Inc., (CEO).
- 2 The reason for this request is prompted by Legent's purchase of the customer base of CEO, whose accounts comprise both intraLATA and interLATA toll service. Under WAC 480-120-139, "Changes in local exchange and intrastate toll services," Legent 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 CEO's customer base. Customer notices have been mailed to all affected customers informing them of their options. Legent will credit any charge imposed by local exchange carriers for changing the customers' primary interexchange carriers to Legent. Legent's products and services are similar to those offered by CEO. Legent will provide to the customers notice of changes in rates and services.
- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on August 14, 2002. The Commissioners, 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) Legent Communications Corporation d/b/a Long Distance America, and CEO Telecommunications, Inc., 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 and should therefore be approved.

ORDER

- 7 After the effective date of this Order, Legent Communications Corporation d/b/a Long Distance America, is granted a waiver of WAC 480-120-139, for the initial transfer of intraLATA and interLATA toll customers from CEO Telecommunications, Inc.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 14th day of August, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary