

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-030896
)	
Pioneer Telephone Company,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions.)	STATUTORY NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On June 9, 2003, Pioneer Telephone Company, (Pioneer or the Company) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-3, designated as:

<u>SECTION</u>	<u>SHEET</u>	<u>REVISION</u>
II	5	Original
II	7	Original
II	9	Original
II	10	Original
II	13 and 13.1	Original
II	15	Original
II	18	Original
IV	1	Original
XI	2 and 2.1	Original
XI	3.40	Original
XII	10	Original

2 The purpose of this filing is to have the proper WAC references in place when the new rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC take effect on July 1, 2003, and to clean up outdated provisions.

3 RCW 80.36.110 and WAC 480-80-121 require a thirty-day notice prior to the
effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an inserted effective date of
July 9, 2003. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. The Company
requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted in WAC 480-80-122,
and that the revisions become effective July 1, 2003. This filing will assure that
proper WAC references are in place when the new rules take effect on July 1,
2003, and will clean up outdated provisions. The Company regrets that it was
not able to file these revisions prior to June 1, 2003.

4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less
than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that
the Commission grant Pioneer's request with an effective date of July 1, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of
the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate
rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public
service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW*
80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.36 RCW.
- 6 (2) Pioneer is a telecommunications company and is a public service
company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) Pioneer is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.36.110 and WAC 480-80-121
requiring telecommunications companies to file changes in any rate or
charge with thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the
commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice by
order specifying the changes to be made and the time when it shall take
effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*

- 8 (4) WAC 480-120-015 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-120 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 9 (5) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UT-030896 and recommended the less than statutory notice request of Pioneer be granted.
- 10 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 27, 2003.
- 11 (7) After examination of the proposed tariff revisions filed by Pioneer on June 9, 2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed tariff revisions should become effective July 1, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 12 (1) The request sought by Pioneer Telephone Company for less than statutory notice is granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of June, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary