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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition)	
of)	DOCKET NO. UT-940068
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ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC.,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING AMENDMENT
for an Order Granting Amendment)	TO REGISTRATION APPLICATION
to Registration Application and)	AND AUTHORIZING THE
Authorizing the Provision of)	PROVISION OF INTEREXCHANGE
Interexchange Switched)	SWITCHED TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Telecommunications Services)	SERVICES
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On January 18, 1994, Electric Lightwave, Inc. (ELI), filed a petition asking to amend the company's registration authority to give permission to provide interexchange switched telecommunications services. ELI was registered as a telecommunications company in Docket No. UT-901029. The order authorizing registration was based upon ELI providing non-switched private line and special access telecommunications services. Electric Lightwave was classified as a competitive telecommunications company in Docket No. UT-920148.

ELI proposes to provide intrastate interexchange switched telecommunications services utilizing existing company-owned and/or leased network and facilities. According to Exhibit A, attached to the petition, ELI "will act primarily as a "carriers' carrier", providing wholesale switched transport and associated inter-office level switching services for long distance companies' originating and terminating toll traffic. Electric Lightwave will provide interexchange switched transport suitable for transmission of voice, graphic, data, video, and other digital information in a variety of data speeds and formats depending upon particular customer applications."

ELI has submitted information showing that it is technically competent to provide the services proposed. ELI will also provide "1+" interexchange services to both residential and business customers. ELI's petition says that it will provide transmission of voice, graphic, data, video, and other digital information in a variety of data speeds and formats. ELI specifies in Exhibit A that end-office-level switching will be accomplished through "hand-off" to the local exchange company, pursuant to local exchange company switched access tariffs.

Ninety-eight percent of ELI is owned by CU CapitalCorp, a wholly owned subsidiary of Citizens Utilities Company. Electric Lightwave has provided balance sheet and income statement information showing it has adequate financial resources to provide the proposed services.

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The Commission has previously authorized numerous other telecommunications companies to provide the same services. However, the Commission notes that ELI has also filed a petition to amend its operating authority to provide intraexchange switched services in Docket No. UT-940119. Furthermore, the Commission notes that the past Commission action involving ELI, Docket No. UT-901029 is under appeal and now pending decision by the Washington State Supreme Court in In Re Consolidated Cases Concerning the Registration of Electric Lightwave, Inc., and the Registration of and Classification of Digital Direct of Seattle, Inc., Supreme Court Docket No. 59999-8.

The Commission finds that ELI is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of chapter 80.36 RCW. ELI has provided sufficient information to show that it is financially and technically capable to provide the services proposed.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The petition of Electric Lightwave, Inc., requesting authority to amend its application for registration and provide interexchange switched telecommunications services is hereby granted.

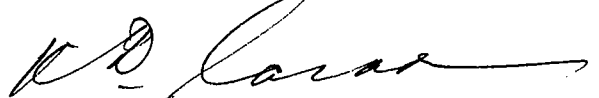
2. This Order shall in no way affect the authority of this Commission over the rates, services, accounts, evaluations, estimates, or determinations of costs, or any matters whatsoever that may come before it, nor shall anything herein be construed as an acquiescence in any estimate or determination of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

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of February 1994.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner