

Agenda Meeting: July 22, 1998
Item Number:

Docket: **UT-980332**
Petition of U S WEST Communications, Inc. To be Designated and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for Twelve Exchanges

Staff: Bob Shirley, Regulatory Consultant

Recommendation:

Grant U S WEST's petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Auburn, Bellingham, Bremerton, Issaquah, Kent, Puyallup, Orchards, Lacey, Longview, Walla Walla, Enumclaw and Maple Valley exchanges.

Background

U S WEST has been designated an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for 10 of its metropolitan exchanges. This designation occurred in December, 1997, along with designation of all other incumbent local exchange carriers. U S WEST petitioned on June 26 to add these twelve exchanges to those already designated. They requested this be done effective August 1, 1998.

U S WEST has fulfilled the requirements of an ETC to offer the federally required basic services to be supported by the federal universal service support mechanisms set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a).

Order

The language in the order presented for your approval contains the appropriate provisions from the December 1997 order designating U S WEST and other incumbent local exchange companies as ETCs. Therefore staff recommends the commission grant the petition as described in the Order.