BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-150657
OPERATOR SERVICE COMPANY, LLC,)	ORDER 01
Petitioner,)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-120-382 Requiring Competitively Classified Telecommunications Companies to File the 2014 Annual Report no later than May 1, 2015)))))	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

- On April 23, 2015, Operator Service Company, LLC (Operator Service or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2014 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to Operator Service, it is unable to prepare the report due to year-end financial statements that will not be finalized and approved by the due date. Operator Service seeks an extension until July 1, 2015. The Company understands that the annual regulatory fee must be filed and paid on or before May 1, 2015.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting Operator Service's request for exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including competitively classified telecommunications companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04 and RCW 80.36.
- 4 (2) Operator Service is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

Operator Service is subject to WAC 480-120-382, which requires competitively classified telecommunications companies to file an annual report no later than May 1 of each year.

- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-120-015, the Commission may grant an exemption from any rule in WAC 480-120, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2015.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition in Docket UT-150657 by Operator Service filed on April 23, 2015, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The request by Operator Service Company, LLC for an exemption from WAC 480-120-382 and for an extension until July 1, 2015, to file its 2014 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Operator Service Company, LLC to file its annual report by July 1, 2015, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rules and Commission orders.
- The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Operator Service Company, LLC to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

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

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 30, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary