

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-150658
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TELECOM NORTH AMERICA,)	
INC.,)	ORDER 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Provisions of WAC 480-120-382)	FROM RULE; GRANTING
Requiring Competitively Classified)	COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
Telecommunications Companies to)	FILE ANNUAL REPORT
File the 2014 Annual Report no later)	
than May 1, 2015)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1* On April 23, 2015, Telecom North America, Inc., (Telecom North America 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 Telecom North America, it is unable to prepare the report due to year-end financial statements that will not be finalized and approved by the due date. Telecom North America 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 Telecom North America’s request for exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3* (1) 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) Telecom North America is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) Telecom North America 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-150658 by Telecom North America 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 Telecom North America, Inc., 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 Telecom North America, Inc., 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.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Telecom North America, Inc., 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