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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Contract Filed by the)	
WASHINGTON EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION)	DOCKET UT-951081
for the Operation of the Data)	
Distribution Center.)	ORDER APPROVING
	CONTRACT

On September 15, 1995, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) filed an agreement concerning the operations of the Data Distribution Center (DDC) for use in the new Primary Toll Carrier environment now operating in Washington. The effective date requested for this contract is January 1, 1996.

The purpose of this contract is to establish the Data Distribution Center for measuring originating and terminating intraLATA toll traffic for Primary Toll Carriers (PTCs). Under the contract, the U S WEST Technologies (USW-T) division of U S WEST, Inc. will operate the DDC. Based on an estimated average monthly usage of 20 million messages, the DDC will charge each PTC a rate of \$0.0005 per message. This rate will be renegotiated if the actual number of messages continues to be above 25 million messages or below 15 million messages for three consecutive months.

Since the contract filed herein is fair, just and reasonable and approval thereof is not inconsistent with the public interest, in view of the above, it is deemed appropriate that the contract be approved with an effective date of January 1, 1996.

<u>FINDINGS</u>

After careful examination of the contract filed herein by Washington Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, having heard the willingness of the parties to negotiate additional terms to the addendum to the contract, the Commission finds that the tariff revisions should become effective January 1, 1996.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS that the contract filed herein by Washington Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., be approved, with the understanding that any additional PTCs will be allowed to negotiate additional terms and conditions as part of an addendum to the contract, and said contract shall become effective January 1, 1996.

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 $\,$ DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of November, 1995.

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RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner