

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
)	DOCKET UT-021319
The Washington Phone Company, LLP)	
)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
For Waiver of WAC 480-120-139)	OF RULES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On October 14, 2002, The Washington Phone Company, LLP (WPC) filed with the Commission a petition requesting exemption from WAC 480-120-139 for the transfer of intrastate intraLATA and interLATA toll customers from The Phone Company Management Group, LLC, d/b/a The Washington Phone Company (PCMG) to WPC.
- 2 The reason for this request is prompted by WPC’s purchase of the customer base of PCMG, whose accounts are comprised of both intraLATA and interLATA toll service. Under WAC 480-120-139, “Changes in local exchange and intrastate toll services,” WPC would not be able to submit a change in a customer’s intrastate toll service without confirming the customer’s authorization in accordance with requirements in the rule.
- 3 This request is limited specifically to the transfer of PCMG’s customer base. Customer notices have been reviewed and will be mailed to all affected customers informing them of their options. WPC will credit any charge imposed by local exchange carriers for changing the customers’ primary interexchange carriers to WPC. WPC’s products and services are similar to those offered by PCMG. WPC will notify the customers of changes in rates.
- 4 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on October 23, 2002. The Commissioners, having been advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

FINDINGS

- 5 (1) The Washington Phone Company, LLP and The Phone Company Management Group, LLC, d/b/a The Washington Phone Company are public

service companies subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of chapter 80.36 RCW.

- 6 (2) The waiver of WAC 480-120-139 as described above, is reasonable and consistent with the public interest, and should therefore be approved.

ORDER

- 7 After the effective date of this Order, The Washington Phone Company, LLP is granted a waiver of WAC 480-120-139, for the initial transfer of intraLATA and interLATA toll customers from The Phone Company Management Group, LLC, d/b/a The Washington Phone Company.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary