

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	DOCKET NO. UT-040437
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Telecommunications Company)	ORDER APPROVING ANNUAL
Annual Report Form and Regulatory)	REPORT FORM AND REGULATORY
Fee Form)	FEE FORM
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BACKGROUND

- 1 RCW 80.04.080 requires that every public service company subject to regulation by the Commission shall annually furnish a report to the Commission. RCW 80.04.080 notes that the annual report shall be in such form as the Commission may require.

- 2 WAC 480-120-303 provides that the Commission will distribute an annual report form and a regulatory fee form for use by companies classified as competitive and requires that those companies complete and submit both forms. The rule requires that those companies provide total number of access lines as required on the annual report form, provide income statement and balance sheet for total company, and provide revenues for Washington and Washington intrastate operations subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 3 WAC 480-120-304 provides that the Commission will distribute an annual report form and a regulatory fee form for companies not classified as competitive and requires that those companies complete and submit both forms. The rule requires that those companies provide the total number of access lines as required on the annual report form, provide income statement and balance sheet for total company and results of operations for Washington and Washington intrastate. Certain larger companies are required to submit additional information.

- 4 In previous years, the Commission annual report form has included a section in which companies reported access line information. The reporting of access line information has been inconsistent across companies, due at least in part to differing interpretations about the definition of an access line. It also is duplicative of a federal requirement that applies to most companies offering local exchange service. All but the smallest companies are required to submit Form 477 to the Federal Communications Commission twice each year. In addition, the form used in prior years did not provide information on affiliate relationships among reporting companies. This information is necessary to implement the provisions of RCW 80.04.530, which provides for relaxed reporting requirements for companies with less than 2 percent of the state's access lines.
- 5 The annual report form in Attachment A provides for companies to submit a copy of the Form 477 filed with the FCC. Companies that are not required to submit a Form 477 are required to enter comparable access line information directly on the annual report form. There is no substantive change to the regulatory fee form.
- 6 After consideration of all relevant matters, the Commission concludes that the annual report form and regulatory fee form in Attachment A should be approved.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 The annual report form and regulatory fee form in Attachment A of this order comply with the requirements of the statute and rule. The requirement to submit FCC Form 477 reduces duplication of effort by companies, will improve the consistency of the information being presented, and provides the necessary

information regarding affiliate company relationships. For those companies not required to file Form 477 with the FCC, the annual report form provides for the companies to report comparable information directly to the Commission.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 The annual report form and regulatory form in Attachment A are approved for use by telecommunications companies in compliance with WAC 480-120-303 and WAC 480-120-304.

The Commissioners, having determined forms are in the public interest, directed the Secretary to issue this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of March, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary