

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET NO. UT-040799
	)	
UNITED SYSTEMS ACCESS	)	ORDER NO. 01
TELECOM, INC.	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption from the	)	
Provisions of WAC 480-120-304	)	
Relating to Reporting	)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Requirements of	)	FROM RULE; GRANTING
Telecommunications Companies	)	COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO
to File Annual Report	)	FILE ANNUAL REPORT
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     On April 30, 2004, United Systems Access Telecom, Inc., filed with the Commission a petition for an extension of time to file its 2003 annual report as required by WAC 480-120-303. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report because of their new Chief Financial Officer who is in the process of completing an internal audit. The Company seeks an extension until May 30, 2004.
- 2     Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting United Systems Access Telecom, Inc. request for exemption, subject to United Systems Access Telecom, Inc. filing its 2003 annual report no later than May 30, 2004.

**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

rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 4 (2) United Systems Access Telecom, Inc., is a telecommunications company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 5 (3) United Systems Access Telecom, Inc., is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-120-303, requiring telecommunications companies to file an annual report no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 6 (4) WAC 480-120-015 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in Chapter 480-120 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2004.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket No. UT- 040799 by United Systems Access Telecom, Inc. on April 30, 2004, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by United Systems Access Telecom, Inc., for an extension until May 30, 2004, to file its 2003 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by United Systems Access Telecom, Inc., to file its 2004 annual report by May 30, 2004, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of Chapter 80.04 RCW that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and United Systems Access Telecom, 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 this 12th day of May 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary