

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-063088
)	
STAN EFFERDING)	ORDER 01
d/b/a VILAIRE)	
)	
)	ORDER GRANTING
)	RELINQUISHMENT OF
For Relinquishment of Designation as)	DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier)	TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 11, 2006, Stan Efferding, d/b/a Vilaire, and now known as VCI Company (hereafter VCI), filed a “Notification of Relinquishment of Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.” In its notification, VCI states it “seeks relinquishment” of both its federal eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status and its Washington state ETC status.

- 2 VCI was designated an ETC April 23, 2003, by order signed by the executive secretary.¹ The designation was for the telephone exchanges in Washington in which Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier.

- 3 ETCs that are designated for an area served by more than one ETC are permitted to relinquish their designation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4). There is no requirement that an ETC meet any standard in order to relinquish or to be relieved of its obligations as an ETC.²

- 4 VCI also informed the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) and its customers that it will cease providing service in Washington effective January 1, 2007.³

- 5 The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a “Public Notice” that has the effect of requiring VCI to offer service until January 11, 2007. In a telephone

¹ See Docket UT-033014.

² State commissions have an obligation to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing ETC will be served by another carrier. 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 54.205. Washington requires service under RCW 80.36.090 and also under ETC designation orders that apply to Qwest and to other ETCs designated for the locations served by VCI.

³ See Docket UT-061786.

conversation with commission staff, VCI asked the Commission to grant the ETC relinquishment effective January 11, 2007.

- 6 The Commission is authorized to take actions, conduct proceedings, and enter orders as permitted or contemplated for a state commission under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. *RCW 80.36.610.*

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 7 (1) The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding and Stan Efferding d/b/a Vilaire.
- 8 (2) Stan Efferding d/b/a Vilaire, is a telecommunications company authorized to conduct business in the state of Washington that will cease serving customers on January 11, 2007.
- 9 (3) Stan Efferding d/b/a Vilaire is permitted by law to relinquish its ETC status.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The petition of Stan Efferding d/b/a Vilaire to relinquish its designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for all the telephone exchanges where Qwest is an incumbent is granted effective January 11, 2007.

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 December 27, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary