

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UT-090640
	)	
TALK AMERICA INC.,	)	ORDER 01
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions	)	
of WAC 480-120-382 Requiring	)	
Competitively Classified	)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Telecommunications Companies to File	)	FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
the 2008 Annual Report no later than	)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
May 1, 2009	)	ANNUAL REPORT
.....	)	

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 On April 30, 2009, Talk America Inc. (Talk America or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2008 as required by [WAC 480-120-382](#). According to Talk America, it is unable to prepare the report due to information not being readily available at this time. Talk America seeks an extension until May 5, 2009.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Talk America’s request for exemption.

**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 public service companies, including competitively classified telecommunications companies. [RCW 80.01.040](#), [RCW 80.04](#) and [RCW 80.36](#).
- 4 (2) Talk America is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) Talk America is subject to [WAC 480-120-382](#), which requires competitively classified telecommunications companies to file an annual report no later than May 1 of each year.

- 6 (4) Under WAC [480-120-015](#), the Commission may grant an exemption from any rule in WAC [480-120](#), if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. *See also* [WAC 480-07-110](#).
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2009.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition in Docket UT-090640 by Talk America filed on April 30, 2009, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

**O R D E R**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 9 (1) The request by Talk America Inc., for an exemption from WAC 480-120-382 and for an extension until May 5, 2009, to file its 2008 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Talk America Inc., to file its annual report by May 5, 2009, may result in the Commission invoking [RCW 80.04.405](#), which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rules and Commission orders.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Talk America Inc., to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Director and Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 14, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary