

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-120335
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COMTECH 21, LLC,)	ORDER 01
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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 2011 Annual Report no later than)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
May 1, 2012)	ANNUAL REPORT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1* On March 12, 2012, ComTech 21, LLC (ComTech 21 or Company), filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2011 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to ComTech 21, financial statements will not be completed by their accountants by the due date. ComTech 21 seeks an extension until July 1, 2012.
- 2* Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting ComTech 21’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) ComTech 21 is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5* (3) ComTech 21 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 April 12, 2012.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition in Docket UT-120335 filed by ComTech 21 on March 12, 2012, 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 ComTech 21, LLC, for an exemption from WAC 480-120-382 and for an extension until July 1, 2012, to file its 2011 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by ComTech 21, LLC, to file its annual report by July 1, 2012, 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 ComTech 21, LLC, 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 April 12, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary