

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-140679
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GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-120-382 Requiring Competitively Classified Telecommunications Companies to File the 2013 Annual Report no later than May 1, 2014)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1* On April 21, 2014, Global Connection Inc. of America (Global Connection or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2013 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to Global Connection, year-end financial statements will not be finalized and approved by the due date. Global Connection seeks an extension until July 1, 2014. The Company paid its annual regulatory fee on April 28, 2014.
- 2* Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommends granting Global Connection’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) Global Connection is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5* (3) Global Connection 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 8, 2014.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition in Docket UT-140679 by Global Connection filed on
April 21, 2014, 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 Global Connection Inc. of America for an exemption from WAC 480-
120-382 and for an extension until July 1, 2014, to file its 2013 annual report is
granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Global Connection Inc. of America to file its annual report by July 1,
2014, 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 Global Connection
Inc. of America 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 May 8, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary