

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of

INTEGRA TELECOM OF WASHINGTON,
INC., ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, LLC,
ESCHELON TELECOM OF
WASHINGTON, INC., ADVANCED
TELCOM, INC., SHARED
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.,
OREGON TELECOM, INC., UNITED
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(COLLECTIVELY "*ELECTRIC
LIGHTWAVE*"),

Petitioner,

Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of
WAC 480-120-382 Requiring Competitively
Classified Telecommunications Companies
to File the 2016 Annual Report no later than
May 1, 2017

DOCKET UT-170302

ORDER 01

ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
FROM RULE; GRANTING
COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME
TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 1* On April 26, 2017, Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., Electric Lightwave, LLC, Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc., Advanced TelCom, Inc., Shared Communications Services, Inc., Oregon Telecom, Inc., United Communications, Inc., and World Communications, Inc. (collectively "Electric Lightwave" or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its 2016 annual report as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to Electric Lightwave, it is unable to prepare the report due to a recent acquisition (including the associated integration activities) that has changed the processes and people compiling the data required for the reports. Electric Lightwave seeks an extension until May 15, 2017. The Company paid its annual regulatory fee on May 1, 2017.

2 Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the petition and finds that the Company's request is
reasonable. Accordingly, Staff recommends granting Electric Lightwave's request for
exemption.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) The 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.
- 4 (2) Electric Lightwave is a competitively classified telecommunications company and
a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) Electric Lightwave 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 11, 2017.
- 8 (6) After reviewing the petition in Docket UT-170302 filed by Electric Lightwave on
April 26, 2017, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the
exemption is in the public interest, is consistent with the purposes underlying the
regulation and applicable statutes, and therefore should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., Electric Lightwave, LLC, Eschelon
Telecom of Washington, Inc., Advanced TelCom, Inc., Shared Communications
Services, Inc., Oregon Telecom, Inc., United Communications, Inc., and World

Communications, Inc.'s petition for an exemption from WAC 480-120-382 and for an extension until May 15, 2017, to file its 2016 annual report is granted.

- 10 (2) If Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., Electric Lightwave, LLC, Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc., Advanced TelCom, Inc., Shared Communications Services, Inc., Oregon Telecom, Inc., United Communications, Inc., and World Communications, Inc. fail to file their annual reports by May 15, 2017, the Commission will assess penalties pursuant to RCW 80.04.405.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., Electric Lightwave, LLC, Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc., Advanced TelCom, Inc., Shared Communications Services, Inc., Oregon Telecom, Inc., United Communications, Inc., and World Communications, Inc. to effectuate the terms 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 11, 2017.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary