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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Application of |) |
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| ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, INC. |) DOCKET UT-931509 |
| for an Order Authorizing the |) |
| Registration of Applicant as a |) AUTHORIZING |
| Telecommunications Company. |) REGISTRATION |
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On December 13, 1993, Access Transmission Services, Inc., (ATS) filed an application for registration as a telecommunications company pursuant to RCW 80.36.350. Applicant proposes to provide intrastate interexchange and intraexchange private line and special access telecommunication services in Seattle, Washington and other communities of the state of Washington.

ATS is a Delaware business headquartered in Richardson, Texas. ATS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Inc., which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI Telecommunications Corporation. Access Transmission Services of Virginia, Inc., is a subsidiary of ATS.

ATS has provided information showing that it possesses adequate financial resources, and technical competence to provide the proposed services. Terms and conditions set forth in the proposed tariff are structured similar to tariffs filed by similar carriers. Applicant does not propose to collect advance payments and/or deposits from its customers.

The provision of intraexchange services will ultimately be governed by the Washington State Supreme Court's decision in Supreme Court No. 59999-8, in re Electric Lightwave, Inc., and Digital Director of Seattle, Inc.

FINDINGS

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- 1. Access Transmission Services, Inc., filed an application pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission for an order approving its application for registration as a telecommunications company.
- 2. As to form, the application filed herein, as supplemented and amended, meets the requirements of RCW 80.36.350 and the rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.
- 3. The registration of Access Transmission Services, Inc., as a telecommunications company is consistent with the public interest.

4. In this proceeding, the Commission in no way endorses the financial viability of applicant nor the investment quality of any securities Access Transmission Services, Inc., may issue.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 1. After the effective date of this order and subject to the conditions hereof, the application of Access Transmission Services, Inc., filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of RCW 80.36.350 requesting an order authorizing registration as a telecommunications company to provide service to the public in Seattle, Washington and other communities of the state of Washington is approved.
- 2. Prior to supplying service to the public as a telecommunications company, Access Transmission Services, Inc., shall file an initial tariff with the Commission identical to the amended Exhibit G of the application. The tariff shall bear an effective date not less than 30 days subsequent to the date of receipt by the Commission.
- 3. Registration of Access Transmission Services, Inc., as a telecommunications company shall not be construed as an endorsement of financial viability nor of the investment quality of any securities it may issue.
- 4. As a telecommunications company providing service to the public in this state, Access Transmission Services, Inc., is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provisions of Title 80 RCW and all rules and regulations of the Commission adopted pursuant thereto.
- 5. Access Transmission Services, Inc., shall not collect advance payments or deposits without first showing that it has a satisfactory escrow arrangement to protect customer monies.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9th day of February, 1994.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman

RICHARD HEMŠTAD, Commissioner