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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	DOCKET UT-971140
Complainant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
WASHINGTON EXCHANGE CARRIER	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
ASSOCIATION, et al.,	)	REVISIONS
	)	
Respondent.	)	
.....	)	

On July 15, 1997, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1 designated as Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 1, Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 3, Ninth Revision of Sheet No. 9 and Second Revision of Sheet No. 10. The stated effective date is October 1, 1997.

It appearing that the filing herein would increase charges and rates for Telecommunications service rendered by respondent and that the rights and interests of the public might be injuriously affected thereby, it is the decision of the Commission to enter upon public hearing or hearings concerning such changes and the reasonableness and justness thereof and to suspend the operation of the above tariff revisions pending such hearing or hearings and decision thereon.

In accordance with RCW 80.04.130, the burden of proof to show that such increases are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The operation of the above tariff revisions, filed herein July 15, 1997, is hereby suspended.
2. A hearing or hearings, on the Commission's own motion, shall be held at such times and places as may be required.
3. No change or alteration shall be made in the tariff revisions filed herein, during the period of suspension, unless authorized by the Commission.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this  
day of September, 1997.

24<sup>th</sup>

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner