

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Development of)	
Universal Terms and Conditions for)	DOCKET NO. UT-011219
Interconnection and Network)	
Elements to be Provided by)	
)	FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.)	ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO
)	INTERVENE

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1 **Order.** This Order grants the Petition to Intervene filed by Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc.

2 **Proceeding.** This matter involves a request that the Commission direct Verizon to provide persons requesting interconnection agreements with Verizon some generally available terms, and that the Commission review the terms for compliance with pertinent law.

3 **History.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on August 6, 2002, before Administrative Law Judge Theodora Mace. Subsequent to the prehearing conference, on September 3, 2002, Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. ("Integra") filed its Petition to Intervene.

4 **Appearances.** W. Jeffery Edwards and Meredith B. Miles, attorneys, Richmond, Virginia, represent Verizon Northwest Inc., Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle, represents AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., TCG Seattle and TCG Oregon (collectively, AT&T), Fox Communications Corp. (Fox), Time Warner Telecom of Washington, LLC (Time Warner), and XO Washington, Inc. (XO), (collectively, including AT&T, referred to as "CLECs"), Dennis D. Ahlers, attorney, Minneapolis, MN, represents Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon). Michele Singer-Nelson, attorney, Denver, Colorado, represents WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom), Mary M. Tennyson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, represents Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff (Commission Staff).

5 **Discussion.** On September 3, 2002, Integra filed its Petition to Intervene in the instant proceeding. Integra states that it is a facilities-based telecommunications company authorized by the Commission to provide intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications service throughout the State of Washington. Integra states that it competes with Verizon Northwest, Inc. ("Verizon"). Also, pursuant to the

Telecommunications Act of 1996, Integra entered into an interconnection agreement with Verizon which has been approved by the Commission and is currently in full effect.

- 6 Integra further stated that it obtains interconnection trunks, unbundled network elements and other facilities and services from Verizon under the current interconnection agreement. The initial term of the agreement has ended and the agreement is continuing on a month-to-month basis until a new agreement is negotiated and put in effect. Integra asserts that the Commission's establishment of universal terms and conditions in this proceeding will be of material benefit to Integra in its negotiation process with Verizon.
- 7 Integra agrees in its Petition to Intervene that it will not broaden the issues to be addressed, nor delay the proceedings, if allowed to intervene. Integra will coordinate with other parties in making presentations in order to minimize duplication.
- 8 On September 4, 2002, the Commission notified the parties of their opportunity to object to the Integra Petition to Intervene. No party filed an objection.
- 9 **Decision.** Integra would directly benefit from the establishment of a set of general terms to be utilized in negotiating interconnection agreement provisions with Verizon. As such, pursuant to RCW 34.05.443 and WAC 480-09-430, Integra is qualified to be an intervenor in this proceeding. Good cause exists for Integra's Petition to Intervene to be granted. No party has expressed an objection and there will be no prejudice to the schedule from Integra's participation in the case.

ORDER

- 10 On the condition that Integra must abide by the schedule determined by the parties at the prehearing conference on August 6, 2002, set forth in the Commission's Third Supplemental Order entered on August 23, 2002, Integra's Petition to Intervene is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this _____ day of September, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.