

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-070810
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LEAST COST ROUTING, INC.,)	ORDER 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	
Seeking Exemption from the)	
Provisions of WAC 480-120-382)	
Requiring Competitively Classified)	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION
Telecommunications Companies to)	FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY
File the 2006 Annual Report no later)	ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE
than May 1, 2007)	ANNUAL REPORT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On April 27, 2007, Least Cost Routing, Inc. (Least Cost or the Company) filed with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2006 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to the Company, it is unable to prepare the report due to incomplete data compilation. The Company seeks an extension until May 31, 2007.

- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Least Cost’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) Least Cost is a competitively classified telecommunications company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

- 5 (3) Least Cost is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.04.080 and WAC 480-120-382, requiring competitively classified telecommunications companies to file an annual report no later than May 1 of each year.

- 6 (4) WAC 480-120-015 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-120, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2007.
- 8 (6) After review of the petition filed in Docket UT-070810 by Least Cost on April 27, 2007, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The exemption sought by Least Cost Routing, Inc., for an extension until May 31, 2007, to file its 2006 annual report is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Least Cost Routing, Inc., to file its annual report by June 1, 2007, may result in the Commission invoking provisions of RCW 80.04 that provide for penalty assessments.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Least Cost Routing, Inc., 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 9, 2007.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary