BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-080747
INTEGRA TELECOM OF WASHINGTON, INC.,))	ORDER 01
Petitioner,)))	
Seeking Exemption from the Provisions of WAC 480-120-382 Requiring Competitively Classified Telecommunications Companies to File the 2007 Annual Report no later than May 1, 2008))))))))	ORDER GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM RULE; GRANTING COMPANY ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT
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BACKGROUND

- On April 30, 2008, Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. (Integra or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for an extension of time to file its annual report for 2007 as required by WAC 480-120-382. According to Integra, it is unable to prepare the report due to unexpected staff departures and delays in assembling necessary information. Integra seeks an extension until June 1, 2008.
- 2 Commission Staff reviewed the request and recommended granting Integra'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) Integra is a competitively classified telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.

- 5 (3) Integra 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) Exemption is appropriate in this case in order to ensure that the company's annual report is complete, based upon the best information available and prepared by a qualified professional.
- 8 (6) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2008.
- 9 (7) After reviewing the petition Integra filed in Docket UT-080747 on April 30, 2008, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is reasonable and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc.'s petition for an exemption from WAC 480-120 382 for an extension until June 1, 2008, to file its 2007 annual report is granted.
- (2) Failure of Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., to file its annual report by June 1,
 2008, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the
 Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rules and Commission orders.
- 12 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 15, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary