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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
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Complainant,)	CAUSE NO. U-85-23, ET AL.
)	
vs.)	EIGHTY-THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER APPROVING A MODIFIED
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL)	UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND
TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT
)	FOR TCG SEATTLE.
Respondent.)	
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By joint petition of WECA and TCG Seattle a request has been filed with the Commission to approve a modified Universal Service Fund Administration Agreement.

In the Eighteen Supplemental Order herein, the Commission required local exchange telecommunications companies in the State of Washington to establish a Universal Service Fund (USF) designed to provide assistance to high-cost companies. The Commission ordered that the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) or a similar body draft an agreement for the administration of the USF. The Seventy-Eighth Supplemental Order in this cause approved the original Universal Service Fund Administration Agreement. That Order was issued October 23, 1987. Since that time, the Commission has granted requests by new local exchange telecommunications companies to enter into the local exchange market in competition with incumbent local exchange companies. Those companies have generally agreed to pay into the Universal Service Fund according to its terms and conditions and not to draw from that fund as it is currently constituted. As a result, a modified Universal Service Fund Administration Agreement has been entered into to reflect the relationship between WECA and this new entrant.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed agreement and finds it to be appropriate in this instance. The Commission continues to recognize that other new entrants into the local exchange market have not been a party to this petition, and therefore the Commission remains open to receive petitions from these companies which may differ from this one as to "form".

Wherefore, having reviewed the joint petition of WECA and TCG Seattle and the attached thereto, the Commission enters the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the Joint Petition of the Washington Exchange Carrier Association and TCG Seattle for a Supplemental Order Approving a Modified Universal Service Fund Administration Agreement for TCG Seattle and WECA is granted as filed.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of November, 1995.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner



WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner