

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant, v. TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INC., Respondent.	DOCKET UT-190745 ORDER 01 COMPLAINT AND ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF REVISIONS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On September 5, 2019, TeleCommunication Systems Inc. (TeleCommunication Systems or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) new proposed tariff sheets, as listed in Appendix A of this Order. On July 20, 2016, the Washington State Military Department, State Emergency Coordination Office announced that the statewide E-911 contract was awarded to the Company. Under WAC 480-120-450, companies that choose to provide E-911 services must file tariffs with the Commission.
- 2 The Company's proposed original tariff sheets contain descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the Company's provision of E-911 services, including the automatic location identification (ALI) database management services provided by the Company. Commission Staff recommend suspending the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets, arguing that, *inter alia*, the proposed tariff lacks the necessary private switch/ALI database management service component of E-911 service.

DISCUSSION

- 3 Because these tariffs might injuriously affect the rights and interests of the public and TeleCommunication Systems has not demonstrated that the tariff revisions are in the public interest, the Commission suspends the tariff filing and will hold public hearings, if necessary, to determine whether the proposed tariff revisions are in the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate practices of public service companies, including telecommunication companies.
- 5 (2) TeleCommunication Systems Inc. is a telecommunication company and public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The tariff sheets that the Company filed on September 5, 2019, may lack a necessary component of E-911 service and might injuriously affect the rights and interest of the public.
- 7 (4) TeleCommunication Systems Inc. has not demonstrated that the tariffs filed are in the public interest.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) The tariff sheets that TeleCommunication Systems Inc. filed on September 5, 2019, are suspended.
- 9 (2) The Commission will hold hearings at such times and places as may be required.
- 10 (3) TeleCommunication Systems Inc. must not change or alter the tariffs filed in this docket during the suspension period, unless authorized by the Commission.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective September 26, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Chairman

ANN E. RENDAHL, Commissioner

JAY M. BALASBAS, Commissioner

Appendix

**Docket UT-190745, Proposed Tariff Sheets of TeleCommunication Systems Inc.
to be Effective October 4, 2019**

Tariff	Sheet
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 1
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 2
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 3
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 4
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 5
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 6
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 7
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 8
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 9
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 10
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 11
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 12
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 13
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 14
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 15
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 16
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 17
No. 1	Original Sheet No. 18