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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of Amending   | ) | DOCKET NO. UT-920696        |
| WAC 480-122-060 Relating    | ) |                             |
| to the Washington Telephone | ) | GENERAL ORDER NO. R-377     |
| Assistance Program          | ) |                             |
|                             | ) | ORDER AMENDING AND ADOPTING |
|                             | ) | RULE PERMANENTLY            |
| .....                       | ) |                             |

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission takes this action under Notice No. WSR 92-16-099, filed with the Code Reviser on August 5, 1992. The Commission brings this proceeding pursuant to RCW 80.01.040.

This proceeding complies with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.05 RCW), the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW), the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971 (chapter 43.21C RCW), and the Regulatory Fairness Act (chapter 19.85 RCW).

The Commission scheduled this matter for oral comment and adoption under Notice WSR 92-16-099, for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday September 16, 1992, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The Notice provided interested persons the opportunity to submit written comments to the Commission until September 9, 1992.

No written comments were filed; US WEST filed a letter by C. J. Iblings stating that it had no comments on the proposed change.

The Commission, pursuant to the Notice, considered the rule change proposal for adoption at its regularly scheduled open public meeting on September 16, 1992, before Chairman Sharon L. Nelson, Commissioner Richard D. Casad and Commissioner A. J. Pardini. No oral comments were received at the meeting.

Oral comments were received at an open public meeting on July 31, 1992, when Commission Staff recommended that the Commission issue the notice of proposed rulemaking. The comments, by Kay Hanvey and Al Seymour, Department of Social and Health Services; Hal Lincoln, GTE; Mike Moran, US West; and Commission Staff, were favorable to the proposal.

The Commission adopted the proposal as noticed.

The rule change affects no economic values.

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In reviewing the entire record, the Commission determines that WAC 480-122-060 should be amended to read as set forth in Appendix A, attached to this order and included in it by this reference.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That WAC 480-122-060 is amended to read as set forth in Appendix A, as a rule of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, to take effect pursuant to RCW 34.05.080(2).

THE COMMISSION FURTHER ORDERS That this order and the attached rule, after being recorded in the order register of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, shall be forwarded to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW and chapter 1-21 WAC.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1992.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner



A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner

APPENDIX A

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-328, Docket No. UT-900462, filed 9/11/90, effective 10/12/90)

WAC 480-122-060 Telephone assistance excise tax. Beginning ((July)) November 1, ((1990)) 1992, local exchange companies shall collect a telephone assistance excise tax on all switched access lines of ((five)) thirteen cents per month(~~, in lieu of previously tariffed lifeline surcharge~~). Each party line subscriber shall be assessed the telephone assistance excise tax in full. The telephone assistance excise tax shall be separately identified on each ratepayer's bill as the "Washington telephone assistance program." Money collected from the telephone assistance excise tax shall be transferred to a telephone assistance fund ((to be)) administered by the department.