

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-043062
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SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P. d/b/a)	ORDER NO. 01
SPRINT PCS)	
)	
and)	
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WESTERN WAHKIAKUM)	
COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
)	
For Approval of Negotiated)	ORDER APPROVING
Agreement Under the)	NEGOTIATED TRAFFIC
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 This matter comes before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval of a negotiated traffic exchange agreement (Agreement) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Telecom Act). The Agreement is between Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint PCS), and Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company (Western Wahkiakum). The parties filed a joint request for approval of the Agreement on June 28, 2004.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 3 (2) Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecom Act requires parties to a negotiated
agreement to submit the agreement to the Commission for approval.
Section 252(e)(2)(A) states that the Commission may only reject an
agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:
- 4 (i) the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a
telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- 5 (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent
with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- 6 (3) Western Wahkiakum is engaged in the business of furnishing
telecommunications services, including but not limited to, basic local
exchange service within the state of Washington.
- 7 (4) Sprint PCS is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as a
commercial mobile radio service provider.
- 8 (5) On June 28, 2004, the parties filed with the Commission a joint request for
approval of a negotiated traffic exchange agreement, pursuant to the
Telecom Act.
- 9 (6) The Agreement between Sprint PCS and Western Wahkiakum was
brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on
July 28, 2004.
- 10 (7) The Agreement does not discriminate against any other
telecommunications carrier.

- 11 (8) The Agreement will facilitate local exchange competition in the state of Washington.
- 12 (9) The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- 13 (10) The Agreement meets the requirements of Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecom Act, including Section 252(e).
- 14 (11) The laws and regulations of the State of Washington and Commission Orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 15 (12) After examination of the proposed Agreement filed by Sprint PCS and Western Wahkiakum on June 28, 2004, and giving consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission finds the proposed Agreement should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 16 (1) The traffic exchange agreement between Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS and Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company, which the parties filed on June 28, 2004, is approved and effective as of the date of this Order.
- 17 (2) In the event that the parties revise, modify, or amend the agreement approved in this Order, the revised, modified, or amended agreement will be deemed to be a new agreement under the Telecom Act and must be

submitted to the Commission for approval, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1) and relevant provisions of state law, prior to taking effect.

18 (3) The laws and regulations of the State of Washington and Commission Orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

19 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 this 28th day of July, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary