

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

In the Matter of the Request of the)	DOCKET UT-061055
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WASHINGTON EXCHANGE)	ORDER 01
CARRIER ASSOCIATION,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Connection with Tariff Revisions.)	STATUTORY NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On June 21, 2006, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association ("WECA") filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-1, designated as:

- Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 1
- Seventh Revision of Sheet No. 3
- Twelfth Revision of Sheet No. 9
- Fourth Revision of Sheet No. 9.1

2 The purpose of the filing is to add Beaver Creek Telephone Company (Beaver Creek) to the WECA tariff and to allow Beaver Creek to participate in WECA's pooling mechanisms.

3 RCW 80.36.110 and WAC 480-80-121 require a thirty-day notice prior to the effective date of the tariff. The tariff sheets bear an inserted effective date of July 23, 2006. This date recognizes statutory notice as required. WECA requests, however, less than statutory notice as permitted in WAC 480-80-122, and that the revisions become effective July 1, 2006. WECA states the reason for less than statutory notice is to expedite the admission of Beaver Creek into the WECA pools as anticipated by Order 01 in Docket UT-060760, and to enable the proposed rates to become effective concurrent with Beaver Creek's entry on July 1, 2006.

4 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than statutory notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant WECA's request with an effective date of July 1, 2006.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*
- 6 (2) WECA is an entity subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, pursuant to WAC 480-120-352.
- 7 (3) WECA is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.36.110 and WAC 480-80-121 requiring telecommunications companies to file changes in any rate or charge with thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying the changes to be made and the time when it shall take effect. *WAC 480-80-122.*
- 8 (4) Staff reviewed WECA's request in this docket and recommended the less than statutory notice request of WECA be granted.
- 9 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 2006.
- 10 (6) After an examination of the proposed tariff revision filed by WECA on June 21, 2006, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff revision should become effective July 1, 2006.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The request sought by the Washington Exchange Carrier Association for less than statutory notice is granted.

- 12 (2) 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 June 28, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary