



DEPARTMENT OF  
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*Regulatory Commission of Alaska*

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Senator Kevin Meyer, Chair  
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee

**Date:** July 21, 2010

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**CC:** Robert M. Pickett, Chairman  
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**Subject:** Quarterly report for April 1-June 30, 2010

Under AS 42.05.175(g), the Commission is required to file quarterly reports with the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee identifying all extensions ordered under AS 42.05.175(f).

Acting in accordance with AS 42.05.175(f), the Commission extended the statutory timeline in the following dockets:

R-08-003/R-09-003, *Order Extending Statutory Deadline and Rescheduling Hearing*, dated May 10, 2010

U-10-020, *Order Extending Statutory Timeline with Consent of All Parties of Record*, dated June 10, 2010.

In accordance with AS 42.05.175(g), a copy of Order R-08-3(7)/R-09-3(3) is provided with this report. The dockets identified above may be viewed by searching matters on the Regulatory Commission of Alaska website at <http://rca.alaska.gov>.

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THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners:

Robert M. Pickett, Chairman  
Kate Giard  
Paul F. Lisankie  
T.W. Patch  
Janis W. Wilson

In the Matter of the Consideration of Modifying  
Alaska Access Charge Policies and Using the  
Alaska Universal Service Fund to Promote  
Universal Service in Alaska

R-08-3  
ORDER NO. 7

In the Matter of the Petition of the Alaska  
Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. for  
Amendments to the Alaska Intrastate  
Interexchange Access Charge Manual and  
Application for Temporary Waiver of Manual  
Provisions Pending Conclusion of Proceeding

R-09-3  
ORDER NO. 3

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE AND  
RESCHEDULING HEARING

BY THE COMMISSION:

We opened Docket R-08-3 on May 20, 2008, to consider modifications to Alaska's access charge and universal service policies.<sup>1</sup> We are required to issue a final decision regarding this docket not later than 730 days after a complete petition for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation is filed, which results in a statutory timeline for completing this docket of May 20, 2010.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Order R-08-3(1), *Order Seeking Comment*, dated May 20, 2008 (Order R-08-3(1)).

<sup>2</sup>AS 42.05.175(e).

1 We may extend a timeline one time if before the timeline expires we find  
2 good cause exists to extend the timeline; we issue a written order extending the timeline  
3 and setting out our findings of good cause; and extend the timeline for 90 days or less.<sup>3</sup>  
4 At the April 28, 2010, public meeting we determined that good cause exists to extend  
5 the statutory deadline for Docket R-08-03.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, we voted to extend the  
6 statutory timeline in this docket for 90 days.<sup>5</sup>

7 Good cause exists because additional time is necessary to conclude our  
8 review of the issues in Docket R-08-03 due to the extreme complexity and broad scope  
9 of the proposed regulatory changes. The proposed regulations are 23 pages in length  
10 and affect local exchange, interexchange, and cellular carriers and their customers  
11 throughout Alaska. These dockets include review of access charge policies, universal  
12 service funding mechanisms, carrier of last resort policies, and changes to the *Alaska*  
13 *Intrastate Interexchange Access Charge Manual*. The record in these dockets is  
14 voluminous. For example, we received over one hundred pages of comments in  
15 response to our most recent regulation proposal.<sup>6</sup> We anticipate a similar volume of  
16 reply comments on May 10, 2010. It is not possible to review these reply comments,  
17 conduct a hearing, receive additional comments (if necessary), and finalize our  
18 regulations prior to the May 20, 2010, deadline.

19 Additionally, good cause exists to extend the deadline as it allows  
20 resolution of the regulatory issues that may substantially benefit the public. The  
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22 <sup>3</sup>AS 42.05.175(f).

23 <sup>4</sup>See April 28, 2010, Public Meeting at 28-36.

24 <sup>5</sup>*Id.* at 34-37.

25 <sup>6</sup>Order R-08-03(6)/R-09-3(2), *Order Inviting Comment on Regulations Proposed*  
26 *in Docket R-08-3, and Consolidating Dockets*, dated March 18, 2010 (Order  
R-08-03(6)/R-09-3(2)).



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3. A public hearing<sup>10</sup> is scheduled to convene at 10 a.m., June 2, 2010, in the East Hearing Room of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, 701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska. The hearing will continue as needed through June 3, 2010.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE at Anchorage, Alaska, this 10th day of May, 2010.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION



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<sup>10</sup>If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation, auxiliary aid or service, or alternative communication format in order to participate in the scheduled event, please contact Joyce McGowan at 1-907-276-6222, toll free at 1-800-390-2782, or TTY at 1-907-276-4533, or via electronic mail to [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) at least three business days before the scheduled event to make the necessary arrangements.

Any party wishing to appear telephonically must advise us in writing before the scheduled event to make the necessary arrangements and provide a telephone number where it may be reached for that appearance.