

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. NUSF-17
on its own motion, seeking to)
determine access costs for) ORDER INITIATING DOCKET
US West.)
Entered: October 14, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission, on its own motion, opens this docket to evaluate the proposed access rates contained in year three of US West's Application No. C-1628 transition plan. As set forth in Application No. C-1628, non-rural carriers are required to remove all subsidies by the end of the three-year transition period. This means that US West is required to remove all implicit subsidies by September 1, 2001. As such, the Commission opens this proceeding to begin to determine if US West has proposed to remove all implicit subsidies in the transition plan that it has filed with the Commission.

As the first step in this process, the Commission seeks comment, on or before December 2, 1999, on what specific issues should be examined during the course of this proceeding. Once the issues have been identified, comment cycles and hearings will be set.

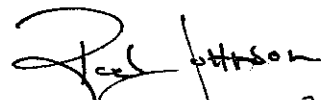
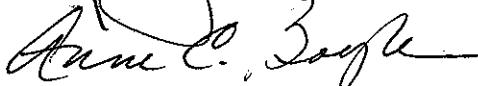
ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the docket to determine access costs for US West be, and it is hereby, opened.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that comments identifying specific issues that should be examined in this proceeding should be filed with this Commission on or before December 2, 1999. Parties filing comments should file three paper copies and one electronic copy in WordPerfect 6.0 (or newer) format.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of October, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

ATTEST:


Executive Director