

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) APPLICATION NO. C-1415
on its own motion, to investigate)
US West Communications' costs to)
establish rates for interconnec-) Scheduling Order
tion, unbundled network elements,)
transport and termination and)
resale services.) ENTERED: December 1, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On September 19, 1996, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), on its own motion, opened this docket as a generic proceeding to investigate US West Communications, Inc. (US West) costs in order to establish rates for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport and termination and resale services.

A hearing on the application is scheduled to begin December 7, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room Lincoln, Nebraska. After a prehearing conference call on November 13, 1998, the various parties to the proceeding agreed upon several scheduling issues. The Commission should adopt the following format for parties to follow during the proceeding:

1. Opening Statements - US West, AT&T, Aliant, and Cox will each have fifteen minutes in which to make an opening statement.

2. Witness Summaries - Upon the parties' request, the Commission has reserved a total of eight hours for interested parties to present summarized versions of prefiled testimony. US West will be entitled to five hours; AT&T will be allotted two hours; and Cox will be allotted up to an hour for witness summaries. Each party is free to allocate its time for witness summaries among witnesses as it deems appropriate.

3. Cross-examination - The Commission has earmarked a total of 14.5 hours for cross-examination of witnesses. US West will have four-and-one-half hours available for cross-examination. The intervenors will have a total of 10 hours reserved.

4. By December 2, 1998, US West and AT&T will indicate the order in which they intend to present witnesses, and the approximate amount of time to be spent by each witness in presenting summarized testimony.

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5. By the start of the hearing, US West shall present the approximate amount of time they intend to spend in cross-examination of each witness. The intervenors shall jointly submit a similar list by this same date.

6. All interested parties may submit post-hearing briefs and/or comments by 5:00 p.m., January 22, 1998.

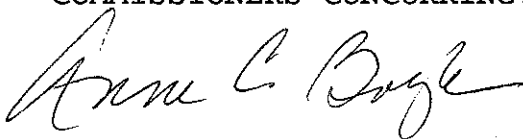
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the hearing schedule and format set forth above be, and it is hereby, adopted and that all previous orders of the Commission inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of December, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



//s//Rod Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

