

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 cost studies)
and to establish rates for) DOCKET CLOSED
interconnection, unbundled elements,)
transport and termination and)
resale services.) Entered: April 17, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N S 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 initiated Application No. C-1415 to investigate cost studies of US West Communications and to establish rates for interconnection, unbundled elements, transport and termination, and resale services. By an order entered April 7, 1998, all entities certificated by the Commission as competitive local exchange carriers and all carriers with a pending application to become a competitive local exchange provider were made parties to Application No. C-1415. Hearings were held December 7, 1998, through December 11, 1998, in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. For various reasons, no findings and conclusions have been entered by the Commission to date.

On March 6, 2001, the Commission entered an order seeking comment on whether the evidence in Application No. C-1415 had become outdated and stale. Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and AT&T Local Services on behalf of TCG Omaha (AT&T) filed comments. AT&T opined that much of the evidence of record in Application No. C-1415 had become stale. AT&T suggested that the Commission close Application No. C-1415 and open a new cost docket to address the issues presented in Application No. C-1415 as well as issues made relevant by the Federal Communications Commission subsequent to the opening of Application No. C-1415.

Qwest was of the opinion that the Commission should continue with Application No. C-1415 and permit the parties to supplement the record as necessary. Alternatively, Qwest suggested that the Commission transfer all the evidence from Application No. C-1415 to

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the new docket, because "C-1415 provides a solid foundation upon which to build the Commission's costing and pricing decisions."¹

Upon consideration of the comments received we find that a new docket should be opened and that the above-captioned docket should be closed. We agree with AT&T that a new docket would be the more streamlined and efficient approach. Parties shall have the opportunity to resubmit evidence accumulated in Application No. C-1415 for consideration in Application No. C-2516/PI-49.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1415 shall be, and it is hereby closed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that interested parties to Application No. C-1415, shall be permitted to resubmit any evidence duly accepted by the Commission in Application No. C-1415 in the new cost docket numbered at Application No. C-2516/PI-49.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of April, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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¹ See Qwest Corporation's comments filed March 23, 2001 at 3.