

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. C-1633
Public Service Commission, on its)
own motion, seeking to conduct an)
investigation to determine which) Protective Order Granted
cost study model should be recom-)
mended to the FCC for determining)
federal universal service support.) Entered: April 7, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By motion dated April 6, 1998, US West seeks a motion for a protective order in this application. We find the motion should be granted. The terms of the protective order are as follows:

1. All documents and information (including confidential information in computer storage media or devices of every type or description) filed with the Commission or furnished to parties pursuant to requests for information, subpoenas, or other modes of discovery (formal or informal), and including depositions that are claimed to be of a trade secret, proprietary or confidential nature, shall be so marked by the party so claiming by stamping the same with a designation indicating proprietary or confidential nature. Access to and review of confidential information shall be controlled by the terms of this order.
2. No access to confidential information shall be authorized under the terms of this order to any attorneys for the parties to this proceeding and their respective independent consultants and witnesses, until the person desiring access to such information signs a nondisclosure agreement in a form incorporated herein as Attachment A. However, no person who is responsible for marketing or pricing of telecommunications services shall be provided access to confidential information unless specifically authorized by the Commission. Attachment A shall be obtained from and returned to Lynn Anton Stang, US West, 1801 California Street, Suite 5100, Denver, Colorado, 80202. None of the persons described above may copy, microfilm, microfiche or otherwise reproduce confidential information except for his or her own use, unless the person gaining access to the reproduced material has signed a nondisclosure agreement.
3. Copies of confidential material shall be made available to Commissioners, its staff, outside consultants and witnesses. The originals and all copies of material deemed proprietary shall be kept by the Commission in a sealed envelope or box clearly marked as confidential.
4. Any person who violates this order by reason of unauthorized use, or disclosure, or failure to keep the information confidential shall be liable for damages and penalties generally provided by law.

5. No persons who are afforded access to confidential information herein shall use or disclose the confidential information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than the purpose of preparation of and conduct of this proceeding or for the preparation of and conduct of any appeals arising from this proceeding.

6. To the extent confidential information is referenced during any hearing in this docket, reference to such information shall be made in a way so as to not unnecessarily disclose the confidential information.

7. Upon completion of this proceeding, including any judicial review, each copy of confidential information including calculations, data, documents, analyses, or other documentation containing confidential information made available to attorneys for the parties to this proceeding and their respective independent consultants and witnesses under the terms of the order shall be returned to US West.

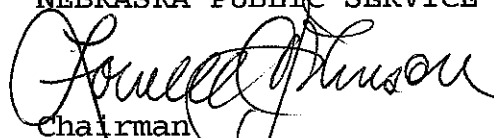
We find the terms of the protective order outlined herein to be fair and reasonable. The order should be approved.

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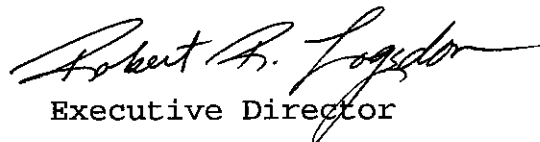
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the terms and conditions of the protective order for Docket C-1633 be, and hereby, they are approved as set forth herein.

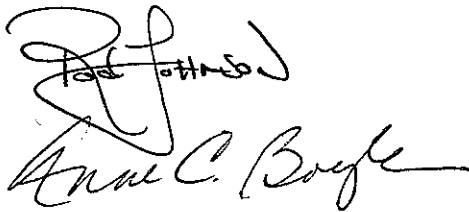
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of April, 1998.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director


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

Attachment A

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that I have been presented with a copy of the Protective Order in Application C-1633 and certify that I have read the Protective Order, am familiar with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order, and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this _____ of _____, 1998.

Name (print or type)

Title

Representing:

Business Name

Business Address

Date: _____, 1998

Signature

