

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of US West) Application No. C-1830
Communications, Inc. filing)
its notice of intention to file) NOTICE OF REVIEW
Section 271(c) application)
with the FCC and request for)
Commission to verify US West)
compliance with Section 271(c).) Entered: August 3, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 23, 1998, US West filed an application requesting the Commission to verify the company's compliance with Section 271(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. After holding a hearing on November 16-20, 1998, the Commission issued a April 9, 1999 order, finding US West to be in compliance with eight of Section 271's fourteen checklist items. In that order, the Commission stated that at the time of the hearing, it appeared that US West was in compliance with checklist item 11, number portability. If competition is ever going to thrive in local markets, it is essential that US West is meeting its obligations with respect to Number portability. For this reason, in the April 9, 1999, order, the Commission directed:

. . . As US West submits additional information on those checklist items where they have not demonstrated compliance, we expect US West to also provide updates on those items where they meet the checklist. In this way, we can be sure that US West continues to meet its obligations. In the area of number portability, we specifically will want to continue to monitor whether US West is meeting service objectives.

Since holding the hearing in this docket, the Commission has received over 60 customer complaints about their ability to port numbers. Competing carriers have also informally expressed concern about US West's performance on portability matters.

In response to these complaints, and in accordance with our previous findings, the Commission hereby notifies US West that we intend to hold a hearing on US West's continued compliance with checklist item 11.

In scheduling the hearing on the matter, the Commission will generally follow the time lines set forth in procedural Progression Order No. 11. US West, Aliant, and Commission staff, may concurrently file direct testimony by September 14, 1999. The Commission will hold a hearing approximately 21 calendar days after testimony is filed, as the Commission's calendar permits. Interested members of the public are invited to testify at the hearing, and are not required to prefile testimony with the Commission.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, under the procedures set forth above, the Commission will hold a hearing on whether US West Communications is continuing to meet its obligations under Section 271(c)(xi) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 3rd day of August, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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