

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)	Procedural Progression
Section 271(c) application)	Order #8
with the FCC and request for)	
Commission to verify US West)	
compliance with Section 271(c).)	Entered: September 28, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

With this order, the Commission modifies the procedural time line previously established in this docket. This order also establishes and modifies procedures that will be followed in the hearing on Application C-1830. As such, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. The procedural time line in Application C-1830 should be amended as follows:

Sept 30 - US West rebuttal testimony due (by 5:00 p.m. CDT)

- US West shall provide the Commission a list of witnesses, the issues that such witnesses will address, and the approximate amount of time to be spent in direct examination of each witness. (by 5:00 p.m. CDT)

Oct 08 - Intervenorors shall jointly submit a statement of
the approximate time to be spent in cross-
examination of each US West witness. (by 5:00 p.m. CDT)

Oct 13 - Hearing begins (9:00 a.m. CDT)

Nov 06 - All parties may submit post-hearing briefs
(by 5:00 p.m. CDT)

Dec 01 - Projected date for release of Commission order
on the application

2. Each interested party will have the opportunity to make an opening statement at the outset of the hearing. US West will be entitled to forty-five minutes for its opening, and the intervenors may share up to an hour and fifteen minutes for their statement.

3. By September 30, the applicant shall identify: the order in which its witnesses will testify; the issue(s) that each witness shall address; and the approximate amount of time to be spent in direct examination of each witness.

4. The Commission will earmark one and one-half hours for cross examination of each witness. The intervenors may allocate the total time between questioners and witnesses, as they see fit. By October 8, intervenors shall jointly file a statement identifying the approximate time to be spent in cross-examination of each US West witness.

5. The Commission will earmark thirty minutes of re-direct for each witness, which US West may allocate between witnesses as it sees fit. The Commissioners and Commission staff will not be bound by the time restraints in paragraphs 4 or 5. Dr. David Rosenbaum and Buster Griffing are considered Commission staff for the purposes of this docket.

6. Intervenors are not entitled to cross-examine co-intervenor witnesses.

7. At our Monday September 21, 1998, weekly meeting, the Commission ruled on various motions for limited party status (See minutes of September 21, 1998). With today's order, we modify that ruling with regard to the return of responses to discovery requests. Contrary to our earlier ruling, US West and the limited intervenors are not required to return discovery information prior to the hearing on this application.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the procedural time line previously established in Application No. C-1830 be, and is hereby, modified as reflected above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission adopts the hearing procedures and guidelines described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of September, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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