

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST	)	Application No. C-1830
COMMUNICATONS, INC., FILING	)	
OF ITS NOTICE OF INTENTION	)	
TO FILE SECTION 271(c)	)	PROCEDURAL ORDER
APPLICATION WITH THE FCC	)	
AND REQUEST FOR COMMISSION	)	
TO VERIFY U S WEST	)	
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271(c)	)	Entered: June 30, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

This matter came before the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) upon US West Communications, Inc.'s Motion for Procedural Order in this application. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §271, U.S. West Communications, a Bell operating company is authorized to provide interLATA service originating in Nebraska if it receives approval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As part of its review of a §271 application, the FCC must consult with the U.S. Attorney General, and the appropriate state commission. Prior to the initiation of this docket, the Commission entered a procedural policy in Application C-1540 to effect the efficient processing of an eventual §271 application in Nebraska. In light of US West's actual §271 application in this docket, the Commission has reexamined the timelines set forth in C-1540, and believes that that original procedural schedule should be modified as set forth herein.

Procedural Timeline

The following filing dates and other deadlines will be utilized in this docket:

- July 6 - Discovery requests from all intervenors
- \*July 13 - US West's objections to discovery requests
- \*July 16 - US West's response to discovery requests
- Intervenor motions to compel based upon US West's objections
- \*July 20 - US West's response to motion to compel (by 12:00 p.m.)
- Oral/written objections to discovery
- July 21 - Oral argument/discussion on discovery
- July 27 - Deadline for intervention in proceeding
- July 30 - Intervenor responsive briefs to Application (optional)
- Prefiled testimony due
- Aug 10 - Discovery requests from US West
- \*Aug 17 - Intervenor objections to discovery requests
- \*Aug 20 - Intervenor response to discovery requests
- US West motion to compel based upon Intervenor's objections

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- \*Aug 24 - Intervenor response to motion to compel (by 12:00 p.m.)
  - Oral/written objections to discovery
- Aug 25 - Oral argument/discussion on discovery
- Sept 3 - US West rebuttal testimony
- Sept 14 - 25 - Hearing
- Oct 13 - Post-hearing briefs due
- Oct 30 - Commission issues Order

#### Service

For those items marked above by an asterisk (\*), service will be via facsimile and mail. All other items shall be served via overnight mail or hand delivery.

#### Discovery

As was established in C-1540, parties are strongly urged to present only focused discovery requests. Each data request shall be limited to 75 items, with each subpart being considered one item.

#### Parties

All parties of record in Application C-1540 are automatically made parties of record in this proceeding. Otherwise, any party has the right to intervene in the proceeding within the timeframes and to the extent authorized by Commission Rules.

#### Filing of Documents

As was established in C-1540, in addition to filing hard copies of documents, parties should also make electronic filings whenever possible. The Commission specifically requests that electronic filings be made of all briefs, prefiled testimony, and like documents. General correspondence between parties need not be filed in an electronic format. Parties shall also file any additional documents in electronic format that the Commission may request. All electronically filed documents created with word processing software are to be filed in either Microsoft Word Version 6.0 or earlier, or WordPerfect 6.1, or earlier. Any documents created with spreadsheet software are to be filed in Lotus Release 5. Electronic filings may be made on 3 1/2 inch IBM formatted diskettes or compact disks.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the procedures and schedule set forth herein is approved for Application No. C-1830.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1998.

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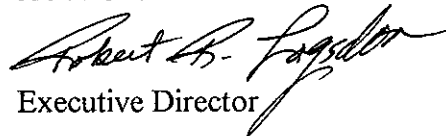
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Anne C. Boyle  
//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Rod Johnson

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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