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)
Section 271(c) application) HEARING SCHEDULE ORDER
with the FCC and request for) Progression Order No. 13
Commission to verify US West)
compliance with Section 271(c).) Entered: August 31, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On June 8, 1999, the Commission entered Procedural Order No. 11 which set forth a schedule to address the Section 271 checklist items for which US West failed to demonstrate compliance. On July 27, 1999, after receiving notification from US West of its intention to seek verification of four of the remaining checklist items, the Commission entered Procedural Order No. 12 setting a hearing in the matter for September 9 and 10, 1999.

With this Hearing Schedule Order, the Commission establishes the procedures that will be followed in the September 9-10 hearing. As such, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

- Each interested party will have the opportunity to make an opening statement on September 9, 1999, at the outset of the hearing. US West will be entitled to 20 minutes for its opening, and the intervenors may share up to 50 minutes for their statement.
- After making opening statements, US West should be prepared to present witnesses in the following order:

Robert Brigham Michael Weidenbach Michael Williams

- 3. Staff will then present its witness, Martin Corcoran of Cox Communications.
- 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.
- 5. The Commission will earmark 30 minutes of redirect 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 and 5.
- 6. Intervenors are not entitled to cross-examine the staff witnesses.

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7. The Commission will not accept closing statements at the conclusion of the hearing. The Commission will, however, advise parties as to a deadline for the submission of post-hearing briefs.

On July 29, 1999, in Application No. C-2081, US West filed a Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) with the Commission. Any action or inaction by the Commission in that docket should not be construed as either approval or rejection of US West's SGAT at this time for the purposes of this proceeding. As such, US West may refer to the SGAT at the 271 hearing. However, it is cautioned against relying on the document as persuasive support for its positions in this proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission to adopt the Hearing Scheduling Order as described above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this scheduling order does not otherwise affect the procedures established in the Procedural Progression Orders previously entered in this application.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of August, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

ATTEST:

Executive Director