

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of US West) Application No. C-1830
Communications, Inc., Denver,)
Colorado, filing its notice of)
intention to file Section 271(c)) Procedural Order No. 14
application with the FCC and) Number Portability Hearing
request for Commission to verify)
US West compliance with Section)
271(c).) ENTERED: October 5, 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 an April 9, 1999 order finding US West to be in compliance with eight of Section 271's fourteen checklist items. In the April 9, 1999 order, the Commission found US West to be in compliance with checklist item 11, local number portability (LNP).

However, based upon numerous consumer and carrier complaints, the Commission entered an August 3, 1999, "Notice of Review" stating the Commission's intention to reexamine the LNP issue to ensure that US West is continuing to meet its obligations under checklist item 11. A hearing on the issue was set for Wednesday, October 6, 1999. The Commission will follow the following procedures at the hearing.

1. Staff and each interested party will have the opportunity to make an opening statement 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.
2. After opening statements, members of the public will be invited to offer any comments. Neither US West nor other parties will be permitted to cross-examine members of the public. The Commissioners and staff, however, may ask questions of the commentators. To accommodate consumers, the Commission may solicit public comment at any stage of the hearing. Further, the Commission will accept any written public comments into the record.
3. After public comments, the staff will present its witnesses. US West should be prepared to present its witness(es) at the conclusion of the staff presentation.
4. The Commission will earmark one and one-half hour for cross-examination of each witness. The intervenors may allocate this time between questioners as they see fit.

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5. The Commission will earmark 30 minutes of redirect for each witness. Commissioners and staff will not be bound to the time constraints in paragraphs 1, 4 and 5.
6. Intervenors are not entitled to cross-examine the staff witnesses.
7. The Commission will not accept closing statements at the conclusion of the hearing. The Commission will, however, advise the parties as to a deadline for the submission of post-hearing briefs.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the hearing schedule described above in Application No. C-1830 be, and hereby, is adopted.

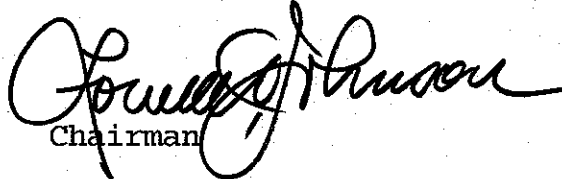
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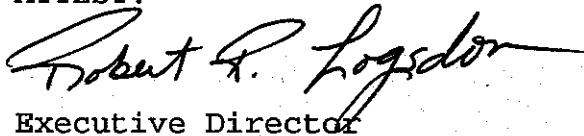
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director