

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of US West Communi-)	Application No. C-1830
cations, Inc., Denver, Colorado,)	
filing its notice of intention to)	
file its Section 271(c) application)	PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 17
with the FCC and request for the)	
the Commission to verify US West)	
compliance with Section 271(c).)	Entered: June 5, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On May 18, 2001, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC, Sprint Communications Company L.P. and WorldCom, Inc., on behalf of its regulated subsidiaries (collectively the Joint CLECs), submitted to the Commission its "Joint CLECs' Motion for Removal of Limited Party Status, For Clarification, For a Procedural Order and Request for Oral Argument." Upon receipt of said motion, the Commission scheduled an argument to address the issues raised.

An oral argument was held on May 31, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. Arguments were present by Loel Brooks and Mary Tribby on behalf of the Joint CLECs and by Tory Bishop on behalf of Qwest. At the conclusion of the oral arguments, Commissioner Frank Landis, on behalf of the Commission, requested that the parties file proposed procedural schedules for the remaining proceedings in this docket.

During the oral argument, Qwest agreed to accept all CLECs as full parties in this docket. Therefore, any previous restrictions placed on CLECs are lifted and said CLECs are afforded "full party status" during the remainder of this proceeding.

In light of the CLECs' re-entry into this proceeding as "full parties", the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the CLECs should be permitted more time to adequately prepare for certain issues previously set forth to be discussed at the June 19, 2001, hearing. Therefore, the Commission proposes that the June 19 hearing be continued. The Commission proposes that the '272 issues be addressed at a public hearing on June 20, 2001, immediately following the prehearing conference in C-2537 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. The scheduling of the public hearing for the remaining items will be discussed at the June 7, 2001 workshop set forth below. CLECs interested in presenting witnesses at the June 20, 2001 hearing shall provide prefiled testimony to the Commission and all other interested parties on or before June 13, 2001.

Finally, in light of the significant time commitment involved by all parties in conducting the necessary proceedings to bring this docket to conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that there shall be a procedural workshop to address scheduling concerns of the Commission as well as other parties on June 7, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Library. Interested parties are encouraged to attend in person, but will be allowed to participate via conference call should a request be made of the Commission. As it is the Commission's intent to streamline the Commission's summer docket schedule at this workshop, parties are encouraged to participate in a prepared fashion and be willing and able to discuss scheduling for not only Application No. C-1830, but also the Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT/C-2185), Cost Model (C-1415) and multiple dwelling unit (MDU C-1878/PI-23) dockets as well.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that all CLECs currently participating in Application No. C-1830 shall have "full party status" for the remainder of the proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the June 19, 2001, hearing is hereby continued to June 20, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all CLECs interested in presenting witnesses at the June 20, 2001, hearing shall provide prefiled testimony to the Commission and all other interested parties on or before June 13, 2001.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Commission shall hold a procedural workshop to address scheduling concerns on June 7, 2001, at 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Library.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of June, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

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