

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of US West Communi-)	Application No's.
cations, Inc., Denver, Colorado,)	C-1830;C-2537;C-2516/PI-49
filing its notice of intention to)	
file its Section 271(c) application)	PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 18
with the FCC and request for the)	
the Commission to verify US West)	
compliance with Section 271(c).)	Entered: June 19, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

In light of the significant time commitment involved by all parties in conducting the necessary proceedings to bring this application to conclusion, the Commission held 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 attended in person and several participated via conference call.

As it was the Commission's intent to streamline the Commission's summer and fall schedule at this workshop, parties discussed scheduling for not only Application No. C-1830, but also the Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT/C-2537) and the Cost Model (C-2516/PI-49) applications.

As part of the discussion at the scheduling workshop, Qwest proposed that the Commission consider utilizing the record and findings made in the seven state collaborative¹. The collaborative has already developed an extensive record (based in part on the incorporation of proceedings from still other states) and retained a hearing officer, Mr. John Antonuk, who has or is in the process of issuing a series of reports on the basis of that record. Such a procedure would still afford all parties the right to brief and present arguments before the Commission on any disputed issues. Despite concerns expressed by AT&T both orally and in writing, the Commission is inclined to adopt such a procedure and incorporate the collaborative's record in an effort to most efficiently utilize the Commission's limited time and resources.

¹ The seven state collaborative includes, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Application No. C-1830/C-2537/C-2516-PI-49
Procedural Order No. 18

PAGE 2

Therefore, the Commission requests that Qwest, as the moving party, file with the Commission the record of the seven state collaborative. The record should include, but not be limited to, the transcripts of the proceedings, the Antonuk reports in their entirety, as well as the filed comments of all parties made in relation to said reports. Said filings shall be filed with the Commission as soon as they become available.

The Commission will then proceed to hold hearings as set forth below on the identified SGAT impasse issues and incorporate the collaborative's record into the Nebraska record. The Commission reserves the right, however, to request additional evidence be presented to the Commission. Such requests may involve additional paper filings or require additional public hearings with subject matter witnesses.

Wherefore, the current procedural schedule, as primarily agreed to by the parties, will be as follows:

June 22 Deadline for intervenors' submission of any additional impasse issues that relate to the Seven State Collaborative Group #3 Report.

June 27 Deadline for briefing impasse issues related to the Seven State Collaborative Group #3 Report.

July 2, 3, (Hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the
July 9, 10 Commission Hearing Room.)

Subloop unbundling; dark fiber; packet switching; line sharing; line splitting; and unbundled network elements (UNE) combinations. With performance indicator definitions (PID) data only on UNE and line sharing.

Seven State Collaborative Group #3 Report - Emerging Services.

July 5 Deadline for intervenors' submission of any additional impasse issues that relate to the Seven State Collaborative Group #1 and #2 Reports.

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application No. C-1830/C-2537/C-2516-PI-49
Procedural Order No. 18

PAGE 3

July 16 Deadline for briefing impasse issues related
to Seven State Collaborative Group #1 and #2
Reports.

July (Hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the
25, 26, 27 Commission Hearing Room)

Seven State Collaborative Group #1 - Poles,
Ducts, Conduits and Rights of Way, 911/E911,
Directory Assistance, Operator Services,
White-Page Listings, Number Administration,
Signaling and Related Databases and Dialing
Parity

Seven State Collaborative Group #2 - Local
Number Portability, Interconnection, Colloca-
tion, Resale, Reciprocal Compensation

August 1 Deadline for intervenors' submission of any
additional impasse issues that relate to the
Seven State Collaborative Group #4 Report.

August (Hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the
8, 9, 10 Commission Hearing Room)

Cost Docket

August 13 Deadline for briefing impasse issues related
to Seven State Collaborative Group #4 Report.

August (Hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the
22, 23, 24 Commission Hearing Room)

PID Data and remaining checklist items

Seven State Collaborative Group #4 - Unbundled
Network Elements

September (Hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the
5, 6, 7 Commission Hearing Room)

PEPP, Public Interest, Cleanup SGAT

Application No. C-1830/C-2537/C-2516-PI-49
Procedural Order No. 18

PAGE 4

September 12 Deadline for intervenors' submission of any
 additional impasse issues that relate to the
 Seven State Collaborative Group #5 Report.

September (Hearing time to be determined)
19, 20, 21
 Cost Docket

September 24 Deadline for briefing impasse issues related
 to the Seven State Collaborative Group #5
 Report.

October (Hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the
3, 4, 5 Commission Hearing Room)

Seven State Collaborative Group #5 - Section
272, Public Interest, Track A, General SGAT
Terms and Conditions, and potentially Fore-
casting

October Reserved for future use.
24, 25, 26

To the extent that multiple issues are scheduled for the same
block of time, parties are directed to coordinate scheduling
issues.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Com-
mission that all parties participating in Application No's. C-1830;
C-2537; and C-2516/PI-49 shall comply with the above-outlined
schedule for proceedings in these applications.

Application No. C-1830/C-2537/C-2516-PI-49
Procedural Order No. 18

PAGE 5

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of June,
2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Frank E. Landis

Ann C. Boyle

Frank E. Landis

//s//Frank E. Landis

Frank E. Landis
Chairman

ATTEST:

And S. Pollok
Executive Director

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
