BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on)	Application No. C-2081
its own motion, seeking to establish)	
procedures for processing a US West)	
Communications' statement of generally)	Docket Opened
available terms (SGAT) in Nebraska,)	
pursuant to Section 252(f) of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	Entered: July 13, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission, on its own motion, hereby opens a docket to establish procedures to process a US West Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) under Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides that "a Bell operating company may prepare and file with a State commission a statement of the terms and conditions that such company generally offers within that State to comply with the requirements of Section 251 and the regulations thereunder . . ." Section 252(f) further provides that within 60 days of the date of filing, the state Commission will either review the SGAT, or simply allow it to take effect.

At this time it is not clear whether US West will file an SGAT in Nebraska. However, because Section 252(f) only provides a 60-day period to either review the SGAT or allow the document to take effect, the Commission opens this docket to establish procedures to follow in the event US West files an SGAT in Nebraska.

The Commission directs that:

- If and when US West files an SGAT in Nebraska, it should do so in Application No. C-2081;
- 2. Any party desiring to intervene in, or protest, a US West SGAT filing shall file its intention within the intervention period of this docket pursuant to the Commission's rules;

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- 3. Once US West has filed an SGAT in Nebraska and the initial parties are identified, the Commission will hold an oral argument on whether the Commission should review the SGAT.
- 4. The Commission will consider allowing additional parties into this docket after the initial intervention period if a) the affected party was unaware of the effect of the SGAT until after the document was filed; and b) the SGAT was filed toward the end of, or after the expiration of, the initial intervention period.

The Commission has an extremely short time period in which to 1) determine whether to review an SGAT, and 2) to conduct such review, if necessary. As such, the sooner party status is established, the more efficiently the Commission can make these determinations. Therefore, the Commission opens this docket as described above.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that this docket is opened as described above.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of July, 1999.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Directo