

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the application ) Application No. C-2156  
of US WEST Communications, Denver, )  
Colorado, seeking a declaration ) PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
that competition exists for ) ORDER  
exchanges in Omaha, Nebraska. ) Entered: April 25, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 18, 2000, a prehearing conference was held in the Commission Library, Lincoln, Nebraska, and by conference call to determine procedures, pursuant to the hearing, that will be held on the application on May 11, 2000. Present at the prehearing conference were Todd Lundy for US West (Applicant), and for the Intervenor, Jon Bruning for Cox Communications; Paul Schudel for ALLTEL Communications; and Steve Seglin for McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services. Michael Loeffler appeared for the Commission. Commissioner Frank Landis served as the hearing officer, and was joined by Commissioners Lowell C. Johnson and Anne Boyle.

By consent among all of the parties represented, the Commission enters the following procedural order:

- A. Pre-hearing Motions. No pre-hearing motions were offered.
- B. The applicant will be permitted to supplement the pre-filed testimony of David L. Teitzel by filing and properly serving the supplemental testimony no later than April 25, 2000. The applicant will have until that date to submit any exhibits to be used at the hearing in conjunction with their testimony.
- C. If any of the Intervenor intend to call witnesses, they must file and serve pre-filed testimony no later than May 4, 2000, along with any exhibits to be used at the hearing in conjunction with their testimony.
- D. Contested Format. The hearing will be held in contested case format, meaning that all witnesses will be sworn in and be subject to cross-examination, as well as questions by the Commission and Commission staff.
- E. US West will be allowed a ten-minute opening statement. The Intervenor will be allowed a total of ten minutes for an opening statement, such time to be allocated among them as they shall desire.
- F. At the hearing, witnesses who filed pre-filed testimony shall give an executive summary of their pre-filed testimony prior to being made available for cross-examination. There will be no time limit for cross-

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examination as long as such cross-examination is not unduly protracted.

- G. The order of the hearing shall be as follows: First, the applicant shall present its evidence; Second, intervenors may present any person to testify in accordance to the other provisions of this order; Third, any member of the public desiring to speak shall be allowed to testify.
- H. Post-hearing briefs will be allowed. A determination regarding applicable time limits for post-hearing briefs will be determined by the hearing officer at the conclusion of the May 11 hearing.
- I. There will be no closing statements.


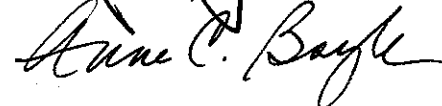
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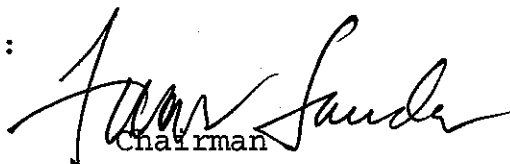
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that, pursuant to the findings in the prehearing conference on this matter, that the parties to this docket proceed consistent with the above findings.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 25th day of April, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

  
//s//Frank E. Landis