

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-2256/PI-38
on its own motion, to investigate)
and seek comment on cost model(s))
for the following: 1) unbundled)
network element (UNE) pricing,)
2) to develop zones to de-average) ORDER GRANTING US WEST'S
rates on a geographical basis,) MOTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY
3) determining zones for univer-) PROTECTION UNDER PROTECTIVE
sal (USF) payments, 4) establishing) ORDER
a permanent funding mechanism for)
USF payments, and 5) to determine)
whether all subsidies have been)
removed from access prices.) Entered: June 14, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 24, 2000, this Commission entered a protective order for Application No. C-2256/PI-38. The protective order entered, provided in Paragraph 3, subparagraph 4, that:

If any party believes that, due to the highly sensitive nature of any information to be disclosed in this proceeding, the provisions of the order do not provide sufficient protection, the disclosing party may apply to the Commission for extraordinary protection.

On June 1, 2000, US West Communications, Inc. (US West), through its undersigned counsel, filed a motion with this Commission in the above application, to provide extraordinary protection to third-party vendor specific proprietary information contained within US West's proprietary information filed with the Commission. US West requested that this Commission supplement its protective order to include the following extraordinary protection to vendor specific proprietary information to include the following:

Vendor specific proprietary information filed with the Commission will be provided under this protective agreement only upon the vendor's approval and to individuals who are authorized to receive vendor specific information and who are: (1) not responsible for marketing or pricing of telecommunications services; (2) not responsible for product procurement as to any switch products or services for any competitor; and (3) not an expert advisor, outside consultant, independent consultant, representative or witness who is a major shareholder (holding five percent (5%) or more of issued stock), principal or consultant of a direct competitor of US West's switch vendors. All terms of this protective agreement apply

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to the provision of vendor specific information.

Upon review of the protective order entered and consideration of the Motion filed by US West, the Commission finds extraordinary protection of third-party vendor specific proprietary information is warranted. Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants US West's motion for extraordinary protection under the protective order.

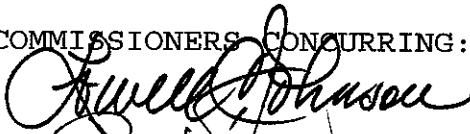
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the motion for extraordinary protection under the Commission's protective order be, and it is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the protective order entered by this Commission on May 24, 2000, shall be supplemented as provided herein.

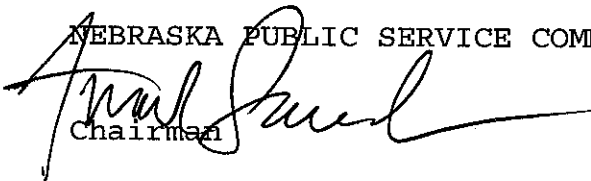
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, this 14th day of June, 2000.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Frank E. Landis

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director