BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to investigate and seek comment on cost model(s) for the following: 1) unbundled network element (UNE) pricing; 2) developing zones to de-average rates on a geographical basis; 3) determining zones for Universal) EXTENSION FOR COMMENTS Service Fund (USF) payments; 4) establishing a permanent funding mechanism for USF payments; and 5) to determine whether all subsidies have been removed from access prices.

) Application No. C-2256/PI-38

PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 1

) MOTION REQUESTING AN GRANTED

) Entered: June 23, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On June 20, 2000, US West Communications, Inc. (US West) filed a motion, with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an extension of time for which initial comments and reply comments can be filed in the above-captioned matter. its reasoning, US West cited the complexity of issues addressed by our proposed alternatives entered on June 6, 2000. US West requested the time for comment by all interested parties be extended until July 14, 2000, for initial comments and July 31, 2000, for reply comments.

In consideration of the complexity of the issues involved and upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that US West's motion should be granted as requested. Accordingly, we find that the interested parties wishing to file written comments must file initial comments on or before 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2000. The Commission will then accept reply comments from July 14, 2000, and on or before 5:00 p.m., on July 31, 2000.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that US West's motion for an extension of time be, and it is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all interested parties are invited to comment on the issues, concerns and recommendations they have prior to the adoption of the appropriate cost model and methodology for each defined task in the time period prescribed herein. ties commenting shall file five hard copies and one electronic copy on disk in WordPerfect 5.0 or later format. Filings will not be accepted via facsimile.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of June, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Hearing Officer Frank E. Landis