BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,)	Application No. (C-2516/
on its own motion, to investigate)		PI-49
cost studies to establish Qwest)		
Corporation's rates for)	MOTIONS GRANTED 1	IN PART
interconnection, unbundled network)	AND DENIED IN PAR	TS
elements, transport and termina-)		
tion and resale services.)	Entered: July 11,	2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINIONS AND FINDINGS

By motion filed June 21, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) seeks to include other rate elements in the Commission's cost study hearings scheduled for August 8 through August 10, 2001. Originally, the Commission limited the August hearings to pricing the loop element only. However, Qwest seeks to also include extension technology, line and trunk ports, local switching, entrance facilities and direct trunked transport, 8XX database services, line information database, signaling, shared transport and unbundled dedicated interoffice transport (UDIT). On July 9, 2001, Qwest filed yet another motion requesting the Commission include the determination of intra-building cable prices in the August 8, 2001, hearing. No objections to this motion were filed.

Upon consideration of these motions, the Commission finds that some of these items can be included in the August 8 through August 10 hearings. We further find that the hearing, time permitting, will be structured as follows:

- August 8, 2001: We will hear evidence regarding recurring costs for loops and the subloop elements intra-building cable and campus wire. We will further hear evidence on costs for extension technology, and recurring costs for interconnection tie pair (ITP)/or expanded interconnection channel termination (EICT).
- August 9, 2001 through August 10, 2001: We will hear any remaining issues from August 8, 2001, and evidence on the issue of recurring costs for entrance facilities and direct trunked transport, shared transport and unbundled dedicated interoffice transport (UDIT), line and trunk ports and local switching.

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If the Commission needs more than three days to cover these issues, the Commission will move some of the aforementioned items to the hearings already scheduled in September. Since the Commission is acting on an expedited time frame, the Commission may request post hearing briefs, comments, or late-filed exhibits at or after the conclusion of the hearings.

The Commission further directs Qwest to file its testimony on each of these issues on or before July 20, 2001.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Qwest Corporation's Motions are granted in part and the procedural schedule described herein shall be adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of July, 2001.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Frank E. Landis