

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application Nos. C-3945/
Public Service Commission to) NUSF-60.02/
conduct an investigation of) PI-138
Qwest Corporation's Proposed)
Switched Access Charge Rates.) ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS
) AND RESCHEDULING PREHEARING
) CONFERENCE
)
) Entered: August 12, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 9, 2008, Qwest Corporation filed a Notice of Intent to File Catalog with Increased Switched Access Rates. Qwest proposes to increase intrastate switched access rates from the previous weighted average of approximately \$0.021 per minute of use ("mou") to approximately \$0.048 per mou. Qwest filed the catalog page with the rate increase on July 21, 2008, with the new rates to become effective on August 1, 2008. On July 10, 2008, Qwest supplemented that filing with the "Exhibit A" information referenced in its July 9, 2008 pleading.

On July 16, 2008, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-140 (Cum. Supp. 2006), MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services (Verizon) filed a protest and a request for review of Qwest's proposed access rate increase. On July 29, 2008, the Commission entered an order suspending the effective date of Qwest's access rate increase, opening the above-captioned investigation, and setting a deadline to formally intervene of August 11, 2008.

Petitions for Formal Intervention were timely filed by Verizon, the Rural Independent Companies (RIC), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and TCG Omaha (collectively AT&T), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services (PAETEC), Windstream Nebraska, Inc. (Windstream), United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Embarq (United), the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska (RTCN), and the Communications Department and Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department of the Commission (collectively Commission Staff).

The Commission being fully advised in the premises finds that the respective petitions of Verizon, RIC, AT&T, PAETEC, Windstream, United, RTCN, and Commission Staff should be granted.

The July 29, 2008 Commission Order also scheduled a prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter on August

19, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission finds that the prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter should be moved to **Monday, August 18, 2008**, at 1:00 p.m. CDT in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd Floor, The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. A conference bridge number will be established and sent via electronic mail to interested parties for the benefit of out-of-town participants.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission in the above-captioned matter that the Petitions for Formal Intervention by MCI Communications Services Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services, the Rural Independent Companies; AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and TCG Omaha; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a PAETEC Business Services; Windstream Nebraska, Inc.; United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Embarq; the Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska and the Communications Department and Nebraska Telecommunications Infrastructure and Public Safety Department be, and are hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the prehearing conference in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby moved to 1:00 p.m. on **August 18, 2008**, as provided herein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of August, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director