

July 13, 2000

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

(July 20, 2000)

RE: In the Matter of the Investigation Into U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s
Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
Docket No. UT-003022

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On June 30, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") filed a pleading requesting the Commission clarify a statement in paragraph 33 of the Third Supplemental Order and Prehearing Conference Order in this proceeding. The Commission interprets U S WEST's filing as a request for a formal ruling concerning treatment of audited performance results, determination of Performance Indicator Definitions ("PIDs") by the Regional Oversight Committee ("ROC"), and how parties may respond to actions taken by the ROC, not simply clarification of paragraph 33 of the Third Supplemental Order. The Commission has determined that parties should have the opportunity to respond to U S WEST's request.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT responses may be made to U S WEST's request for formal ruling. Responses will be timely and will be considered if received no later than the close of business on July 20, 2000. Copies may be filed by telefacsimile to the Commission's Records Center at (360) 586-1150 if a hard copy is mailed the same day.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL,
Administrative Law Judge