

July 11, 2000

**NOTICE OF POST-HEARING CONFERENCE  
(1:30 p.m., July 20, 2000)**

RE: In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements, Transport and Termination, and Resale; [for U S WEST Communications, Inc.]; [for GTE Northwest Incorporated]  
Docket No. UT-960369, *et al.*

**TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:**

On June 9, 2000 GTE made a compliance filing in response to ordering paragraph 157 of the 25th Supplemental Order in these dockets.

On June 28, 2000 the Commission Staff and AT&T filed responses to the compliance filings. We believe that it would be beneficial to hold a post-hearing conference to discuss the details of some of the matters raised by the Commission Staff and AT&T. The purpose of the conference is technical, to gain specificity about the parties' submissions.

Section II.A. of AT&T's submission raises questions about the method GTE used to calculate disconnection costs for the resale engineered and unbundled loop engineered rate categories. At the conference we would like GTE to address the questions. These costs are developed in the spreadsheet Exhibit 2.B\_confidential.xls. The company should be prepared to show how these costs reflect or differ from the costs that were filed in its initial study, as well as its November 1999 compliance filing.

Section II.B of AT&T's submission describes GTE's methodology to determine separate rates for electronic and manual orders. AT&T's specific concern about this portion of the filing is not clear to the Commission. At the conference, AT&T should be prepared to identify its concern clearly and GTE should be prepared to respond.

Staff states that GTE's filing for NRCs does not comply with the Commission's 17th Supplemental Order. GTE should be prepared to explain the details demonstrating that its filing complies with the Commission's Order.

Staff has provided one illustration of how it believes GTE has failed to comply with the

Commission's directives. It also stated that "[i]f correct adjustments are made throughout GTE's cost studies, Staff believes that the rates for various NRCs will be lower." Staff should be prepared to identify specifically the adjustments it believes should be made to the study. GTE should be prepared to respond to Staff's concerns.

We encourage parties who want to participate in the conference to have on hand the electronic files that were part of GTE's June 9, 2000 filing, as well as a copy of exhibit 565 (Rodney Langley 8/28/98 Exhibit JRL-2 Washington NRC Study).

**ALL PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Commission hereby sets a post-hearing conference pursuant to WAC 480-09-060(1)(g) to clarify as stated above the parties' submissions regarding compliance filings. The conference will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2000, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's main hearing room, second floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.** Parties may attend via teleconference bridge. Any party wishing to participate via the conference bridge line should call the conference bridge number, **360-664-3846**, at the time set for hearing.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS  
Administrative Law Judge