

NOTE! An important notice to parties about administrative review appears at the end of this order.

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

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| LIGHTS CAMERA NEWS/CORPORATE FEUD, |) | |
| |) | DOCKET NO. UT-000014 |
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| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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| . |) | DOCKET NO. UT-000096 |
| LIGHTS CAMERA NEWS/CORPORATE FEUD, |) | |
| |) | INITIAL ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT |
| Complainant, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
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| U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., |) | |
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| Respondent, |) | |
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On January 3, 2000, Lights Camera News/Corporate Feud filed a complaint against U S WEST Communications, Inc. in Docket No. UT-000014. The complaint alleged that the respondent violated state laws by unlawfully disconnecting complainants tele-communications service, breaching its contract with complainant, and failing to provide prompt, efficient, or adequate service to the complainant. The complainant requested imposition of sanctions or fines, damages, and refund of various billings from the respondent.
- 2 On January 18, 2000, Lights Camera News/Corporate Feud, filed a complaint against U S WEST Communications, Inc. in Docket No. UT-000096. The complaint alleged that the respondent violated state laws by unlawfully disconnecting complainants tele-communications service and failed to provide prompt, efficient, or adequate service to the

complainant. The complainant requested imposition of sanctions or fines, damages, and refund of various billings from the respondent. Respondent filed its answer on February 15, 2000 in Docket No. UT-000096. On March 7, 2000, respondent filed an Answer and Affirmative Defenses of U S WEST Communications, Inc., in which it incorporated a response to both complaints in Docket Nos. UT-000014 and UT-000096.

- 3 A prehearing conference was held in this consolidated proceeding at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's offices in Olympia, Washington, on May 22, 2000, before Administrative Law Judge Marjorie Schaer. A procedural schedule was established during the prehearing conference and a hearing was scheduled for June 14-15, 2000.
- 4 On June 1, 2000, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss Complaint with Prejudice filed by the Complainant in this proceeding. The motion asks the Commission to dismiss the complaints as the parties have reached a settlement.
- 5 U S WEST Communications, Inc., is engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunications service within the state of Washington as a public service company.
- 6 The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of these proceedings.
- 7 It is in the public interest to dismiss the complaint of Lights Camera News/Corporate Feud against U S West Communications, Inc.

II. ORDER

- 8 1. The request to withdraw the Formal Complaints filed by Lights Camera
News/Corporate News against U S WEST Communications, Inc., is granted.
- 9 2. The Complaints are dismissed and this proceeding is terminated.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 22nd day of June, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES:

This is an initial order only. The action proposed in this order is not effective until a final order of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is entered. If you disagree with this initial order and want the Commission to consider your comments, you must take specific action within a time limit as outlined below. **While this proceeding is not subject to the Washington State Administrative Procedure Act, the Commission nonetheless will follow the guidelines there prescribed for review of initial orders.**

Therefore, any party to this proceeding has twenty (20) days after the service date of this initial order to request administrative review, under procedures described in WAC 480-09-780(2); the requirements for filing for administrative review may be found at WAC 480-09-780(4). Also, any party may file an answer to a request for administrative review within ten (10) days after service of the request, as described in WAC 480-09-780(2). One copy of any request or answer must be served on each party of record and each party's attorney or other authorized representative, with proof of service is required by WAC 480-09-120(2).

All requests and answers filed with the Commission must be addressed to the Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250. After reviewing the requests for administrative review, answers, briefs, and oral arguments, if any, the Commission will by final order affirm, reverse, or modify this initial order.