BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Investigation into)
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC's) DOCKET NO. UT-003022
Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996))
In the Matter of	.) DOCKET NO. UT-003040
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC's) SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL) ORDER;
Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996	 PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER; NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (April 24, 2001)
	.)

Prehearing Conference

The Commission convened a joint prehearing conference concerning Workshop 3 in this proceeding and scheduling issues in Docket No. UT-003013 on November 20, 2000, at Olympia, Washington pursuant to due and proper notice to all interested persons before Administrative Law Judges Ann E. Rendahl and Lawrence J. Berg.

Appearances

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The following parties in this proceeding participated in the prehearing conference:
Qwest Corporation, by Lisa A. Anderl, attorney, Seattle, and Robert E. Cattanach, attorney, Minneapolis MN; AT&T of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., by Rebecca B. DeCook and Steven H. Weigler, attorneys, Denver, CO; TRACER, and Rhythms Links, Inc, by Lisa F. Rackner, attorney, Portland, OR; WorldCom, Inc., by Ann Hopfenbeck, attorney, Englewood, CO; XO Washington, Inc., Electric Lightwave, Inc., and Advanced Telecom Group, by Gregory J. Kopta, attorney, Seattle; COVAD Communications, Inc., by Laura Izon, attorney, Santa Clara, CA; MetroNet Services Corporation, by Brooks Harlow, attorney, Seattle; Sprint, by Eric S. Heath, attorney, Las Vegas, NV; and Public Counsel, by Simon ffitch and Robert Cromwell, Assistant Attorneys General.

Workshop 3 Schedule

On October 25, 2000, the Commission issued its Fifth Supplemental Order and Prehearing Conference Order outlining the topics to be discussed and schedules for Workshops 2, 3, and 4 in this proceeding. On November 6, 2000, during discussions

in Workshop 2, Administrative Law Judge Ann E. Rendahl advised the parties of the need to set new dates for a follow-up workshop, and subsequent post-workshop dates, for Workshop 3. On November 10, 2000, Qwest filed a letter with the Commission requesting that the issues to be discussed in Workshop 3 be limited to Checklist Items No. 2, 5, and 6 (UNEs, including UNE combinations, transport, and switching).

Following discussion at the prehearing conference, the Workshop 3 schedule has been revised:

Follow-up Workshop: April 24-26, 2001 in the Attorney

General Training Room, 24th Floor, Bank of California Building, 900 4th

Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Post-workshop Briefs: May 16, 2001 Draft Initial Order: June 12, 2001 Comments on Initial Order: June 26, 2001

Presentation to Commissioners: August 30, 2001, 1:00-5:00 p.m.,

Commission Hearing Room, Room

206.

Workshop 4 Prehearing Conference

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a prehearing conference will be held, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in the Attorney General Training Room, 24th Floor, Bank of California Building, 900 4th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.
- The purpose of the prehearing conference is to determine the topics for discussion during the fourth workshop which is scheduled to begin on July 9, 2001, and if a fifth workshop is necessary, to determine the topics and scheduling for a fifth workshop.
- NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this document, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective this day of December, 2000.

ANN E. RENDAHL Administrative Law Judge