

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of an)
 Interconnection Agreement Between) DOCKET NO. UT-003006
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 SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.) THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
)
 and) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
) ORDER
 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
)
 Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.)
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1 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** Administrative Law Judges Dennis J. Moss and
 Lawrence J. Berg (Arbitrators) conducted a prehearing conference in this proceeding at
 the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission offices in Olympia, Washington
 on April 21, 2000.

2 **PARTIES:** Stephen H. Kukta, attorney, Sprint Corporation, San Mateo, California,
 appeared for Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint). Mary Rose Hughes,
 attorney, Perkins Coie LLP, Washington, D.C., appeared for U S WEST
 Communications, Inc. (U S WEST).

3 **ISSUES:** The parties stated that issues regarding combinations of unbundled network
 elements (UNEs) and reciprocal compensation remain unresolved. They continue to
 negotiate and will file an updated disputed issues matrix on the same date as direct
 testimony.

4 **PREFILING OF TESTIMONY:** The parties agree to file simultaneous direct and
 rebuttal testimony. Direct testimony must be filed on April 26, 2000, and rebuttal
 testimony must be filed on May 10, 2000.

5 **WITNESS LISTS:** Tentatively, Sprint intends to call one witness, and U S WEST
 intends to call three witnesses. The identification of witnesses to testify at hearing remains
 uncertain because of potential conflicts with proceedings in other jurisdictions.

6 **PREHEARING CONFERENCE:** A prehearing conference previously has been noticed
 to convene on Monday, May 15, 2000, beginning at 10:00 p.m., in Room 108, Chandler
 Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. As stated in
 the notice, the parties may appear at the conference via telephone by calling the
 Commission’s conference bridge, **(360) 664-3846**, at the scheduled time.

7 **SCHEDULE:** The previously scheduled hearing dates remain unchanged; however, the parties state that they may submit disputed issues regarding combinations of UNEs on a paper record, in which case only one day of hearings will be necessary. The Commission requests that the parties also discuss whether the disputed issue regarding reciprocal compensation is susceptible to presentation on a paper record.

8 The parties agree to notify the Commission regarding the status of the disputed issues on or before the May 15, 2000, prehearing conference. If only one day of hearings is necessary, the hearing date shall be May 24, 2000.

9 The prior orders of the Commission in this proceeding govern in all other respects.

10 **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 statement.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this day of April 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

LAWRENCE J. BERG
Arbitrator

DENNIS J. MOSS
Arbitrator