BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)
Complainant,) DOCKET NO. UT-950200)
v.)
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)) FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL) ORDER DENYING MOTION
Respondent.)
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On March 11, 1996, via facsimile filing, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC), filed with the Commission a motion to amend the Eleventh Supplemental Order in this proceeding. Specifically, the Company petitioned the Commission to vacate the portions of that Order excluding depreciation issues from consideration in this proceeding and to reopen the record for the limited purpose of taking evidence into the record on depreciation issues and cross-examining witnesses sponsoring testimony on this issue. On March 13, 1996, the Commission received the response of TRACER in opposition to the USWC motion.

The Commission believes the March 11 motion to be essentially identical to the USWC emergency motion filed February 16, 1996, and denied by the Commission's Thirteenth Supplemental Order entered February 20, 1996. The Commission therefore will not burden the parties or the record in this proceeding by calling for responses to the motion.

The Commission has reviewed the USWC motion on this issue and reiterates its belief that orderly progress of the instant matter to final determination under the current schedule is appropriate and in the public interest. The Commission therefore will deny USWC's motion.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the motion of U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed March 11, 1996, to amend the Eleventh Supplemental Order excluding depreciation issues and to reopen the record is denied.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 15th day of March 1996.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman

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RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commission