

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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,	)	
	)	ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION AND
Complainant,	)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
	)	CONFERENCE
v.	)	(May 22, 2000)
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U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	)	
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Respondent,	)	
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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 alleges that the respondent has violated state laws by unlawfully disconnecting complainants telecommunications service, breaching its contract with complainant, and failing to provide prompt, efficient, or adequate service to the complainant. The complainant prays for imposition of sanctions or fines, damages, and refund of various billings from the respondent.

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 alleges that the respondent has violated state laws by unlawfully disconnecting complainants telecommunications service and failing to provide prompt, efficient, or adequate service to the complainant. The complainant prays for 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 incorporates a response to both complaints in Docket Nos. UT-000014 and UT-000096.

A more detailed account of the disputes are reflected in the foregoing pleadings, which are available for inspection at the Commission's office, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought to a hearing before the Commission.

In as much as the foregoing matters involve common questions of fact and law, they should be consolidated for hearing and determination, pursuant to WAC 480-09-610(2).

### **ORDER OF CONSOLIDATION**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the above-entitled matters are consolidated for hearing and determination, with the Commission reserving the right to hold such separate hearings and to issue separate orders in the individual dockets as it may deem appropriate.

### **NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The prehearing conference in these consolidated dockets is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to Title 80 RCW under which it regulates the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. Statutes and rules cited by the respective parties include RCW 80.04.440, RCW 80.36.130, WAC 480-120-081, WAC 480-120-101, WAC 480-120-106, WAC 480-120-136, WAC 480-120-500, and WAC 480-120-520. In addition to the foregoing, statutes and rules involved include those within chapters 80.36 and 80.04 RCW, and chapter 480-120 WAC relating to the charges and practices of telecommunications companies, and chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure, including WAC 480-09-480 relating to obtaining data in adjudicative hearings. The issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the pleadings herein.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference in these consolidated dockets will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 22, 2000, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line. The bridge line can be accessed by dialing (360) 664-3846. Please dial into the bridge line no later than 9:20 a.m. on May 22, 2000.**

The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to that date or made orally at that time. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by

later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.

The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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Commission Staff will appear through Mary Tennyson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P. O. Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504-0128, (360) 664-1220.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, (360) 664-1139, will be designated to preside at the prehearing conference.

Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

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