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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UT-950200
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Complainant,)	24TH SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER
v.)	
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U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)	
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Respondent.)	

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	DOCKET NO. UT-970766
)	
Complainant,)	11TH SUPPLEMENTAL
)	ORDER
v.)	
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U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)	COMMISSION DECISION
)	AND ORDER REGARDING
Respondent.)	TARIFF REVISIONS
.....)	

BACKGROUND: The Commission entered a final order in Docket No. UT-950200 on April 11, 1996, rejecting tariffs that US WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC or Company) had filed, but authorizing and requiring it to refile tariffs as specified in the order. The Company appealed this decision to Superior Court, which ordered the Company to file tariffs as directed. The Superior Court on April 29 stayed portions of the Commission order, staying the Company's obligation to file certain tariffs but requiring or authorizing it to file others. On April 30 the Company withdrew tariff pages stayed by the Court. The result is that some of the provisions of the Fifteenth and later supplemental orders have not been effected. The Washington State Supreme Court on Dec. 24, 1997, affirmed the Commission decision, and the Commission after consulting with the parties on January 7, 1998, directed the Company to make a filing of tariff pages to effectuate the requirements of the earlier orders, bearing a stated effective date of February 1, 1998. No parties have objected to this procedure.

The Commission entered a final order in Docket No. UT-970766 on January

16, 1998. That order authorized and directed the Company to make certain tariff revisions consistent with the terms of the order, bearing a stated effective date of February 1, 1998.

The Company by various tariff filings under advices as specified later in this Order, did in both Dockets submit tariff filings designed to comply with the Commission's orders. Parties in the proceedings had the opportunity to state concerns regarding the filings, and did so. Two parties filed petitions for reconsideration of the Order in Docket No. UT-970766. The Commission convened a post-hearing conference on January 30, 1998 to consider the tariff filings.¹ The parties reached agreement as to the procedural steps required to implement the Commission orders in the two proceedings. Pursuant to WAC 480-09-340, tariffs are not effective until entry of a Commission order approving them.

COMMISSION: The Commission accepts the parties' agreements relating to the effect of the relevant orders because doing so effects the terms of those orders and provides an appropriate procedural means to resolve the few remaining issues. The Commission accepts, authorizes withdrawal, or does not accept, the filed tariff pages as set out below in this Order.

The Commission Orders:

1. Except as otherwise specified in this order, the tariff revisions that are contained in Advice Nos. 2911T, 2912T and 2913T are approved. A table is attached to this order that depicts the revisions and the pertinent Advice number.
2. The tariff revisions filed in Advice No. 2914T are the subject of petitions for reconsideration and/or clarification, and are not approved. The Commission is by letter establishing times for answers and replies to the petitions that it anticipates will lead to resolution no later than March 2, 1998. The Commission has also directed the Company, Commission Staff, and Public Counsel to engage in discussions aimed at resolving the issues. The existing Customer Service Guarantee remains in effect. The Company has represented that it will work with customers who come to its attention who would clearly be entitled to benefits under the provisions not approved to see that they receive those benefits, and it is directed to do so.
3. The Company withdraws tariff pages from the compliance filings relating to distance sensitive rate stabilized complex lines (Section 5, Sheet 51, Advice Nos. 2911 and 2913) and agrees to make a separate filing, not as a compliance filing in these dockets, no later than February 6, 1998.
4. The Company will submit a revised Section 5, sheet 77, Advice No. 2911, to remove Preferential Hunting, no later than Monday, Feb. 2, 1998. The Commission may

¹ The issue of refunds remains to be resolved in Docket No. UT-950200. Jurisdiction to determine questions related to the refunds has not been determined by the Courts.

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accept that sheet by letter of the Secretary.

5. In its February 6, 1998 filing, the Company will file to realign the rate for two-way, 4-wire trunks and in-only, analog DID trunks, and Centrex Plus usage charge.

6. The Company withdraws Section 5, sheet 150, relating to Joint User Services, from Advice No. 2911; the Company filed the sheet in error.

7. The filed tariffs (Advice Nos. 2911 and 2913, Section 5, sheet 47) do not phase increases and are approved because customers had the benefit of a number of months without increase as a result of the judicial stay. The replacement sheet relating to Smart PAL lines (Advice No. 2911, Section 5, Sheet 147) is approved.

8. The Company will refile no later than February 20, 1998 a revised version of its WN-U 37 access tariffs. The revisions are characterized as "clean-up" in nature and will not change previously filed rates. The Commission will review the filing as a compliance filing in Docket No. UT-950200 and if it is appropriate will accept it in substitution for the previously filed pages that are approved in this Order.

9. Parties expressed a need to further review the access tariff filing, WN-U 37. Those sheets are accepted provisionally. Parties who have objections to the tariff may file those objections no later than Feb. 13, 1998. If objections are filed, the sheets will remain provisional until the Commission resolves the objections. If none are filed, the sheets will become effective on a permanent basis without further order of the Commission subject to the clean-up tariff specified above in numbered paragraph 8.

10. The approved tariff pages are attached to the original of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 30th day of January 1998.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner


WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner

**STATUS OF COMPLIANCE FILINGS
DOCKET NOS. UT 950200 AND UT 970766**

UT - 950200	Filed and Approved in 1996	Filed in Advice 2911T	Filed in Advice 2912T	Filed in Advice 2913T	Filed in Advice 2914T
Residence					
Implement \$10.50 statewide rate	X				
Implement 2-Phase Measured Service \$7.35 Rate	X				
1st Phase	X				
2nd Phase	X				
Business					
Implement \$25.00 State Wide Rate		X			
Implement \$14.00 DSS and NAR Rates		X			
Implement \$.05 Hunting Rate		X			
Remove Rate Groups and EAS increments		X			
Eliminate Simple/Complex rate structure		X			
Toll					
Reduce MTS rates by lowering minute rate, and: compressing mileage bands. eliminating differential minute rate.		X			
Grandfather Toll PAC and change discount from 30% to 15%.		X			
OCP changes due to MTS reductions.		X			
Access					
Adopt Local Transport Restructure Rates			X		
eliminate common carrier line charge			X		
eliminate equal access rate elements			X		
implement transport rates to mirror existing PL rates			X		
increase local switching rate approx. \$.02 per min			X		

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Private Line					
Increase Terminal Loop Rates	X				
Analog Private Line Service					
Increase NAC to \$11	X				
Increase Channel Performance to TRACER proposed	X				
Implement USWC proposed NRC rates	X				
Digital Private Line					
Reduce Digital PL rates to existing Digicom 1 Rates	X				
Directory Assistance					
Increase DA to \$.35 and reduce call allowance from 4 to 2 free	X				
Centrex Service					
Unbundle Centrex elements	X				
Price Loop at \$11.00	X				
Resale					
Remove all resale restrictions and file a general resale tariff	X				
Local Measured Usage (Business and Residence)					
Implement a reduced rate (\$.025 for 1st Min. and \$.02 for additional Min).		X			
Off -Peak discount increased to 40%		X			

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UT-970766		Filed in Advice 2911T	Filed in Advice 2912T	Filed in Advice 2913T	Filed in Advice 2914T
Residence					
Increase Residence Rates \$2.00 per month (\$12.50)				X	
Increase residence Measured rate \$1.60 (\$8.95)				X	
Business					
Increase Business Rates \$1.60 per month					
Basic exchange flat, PBX trunks, Hotel and toll Trunks = \$26.60				X	
DSS Trunks and Outward Only Network Access Facilities = \$15.60				X	
Two-way and In-only Network Access Facilities = \$15.65				X	
Directory Assistance					
Increase DA \$.35 to \$.60 per call				X	
Allow 1 free call per month Residence				X	
Eliminate Business Call Allowance				X	
Customer Service					
Implement Customer Service Guarantee Program					X

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