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1                   BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
2                   TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

3 In the Matter of the                    )  
 Investigation into                    )  
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 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s    ) Docket No. UT-003022  
 5                    ) Volume 14  
 Compliance with Section 271 of     ) Pages 1730 to 1750  
 6 the Telecommunications Act of     )  
 1996                                    )  
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 In the Matter of                    )  
 8                    ) Docket No. UT-003040  
 U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s   ) Volume 14  
 9                    ) Pages 1730 to 1750  
 Statement of Generally             )  
 10 Available Terms Pursuant to       )  
 Section 252(f) of the               )  
 11 Telecommunications Act of 1996    )  
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 12 In the Matter of the Continued     )  
 Costing and Pricing of             ) Docket No. UT-003013  
 13 Unbundled Network Elements and    )  
 Transport and Termination.         ) Volume 14  
 \_\_\_\_\_) Pages 1713 to 1733  
 14 \_\_\_\_\_)

15                   A prehearing conference in the above matters  
16 was held on November 20, 2000, at 1:40 p.m., at 1300  
17 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Olympia,  
18 Washington, before Administrative Law Judges LAWRENCE  
19 BERG and ANN RENDAHL.

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25 Joan E. Kinn, CCR, RPR  
Court Reporter

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QWEST CORPORATION, by ROBERT CATTANACH,  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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JUDGE BERG: This is a prehearing conference  
in two separate proceedings before the Washington  
Utilities and Transportation Commission. The first  
proceeding is captioned In The Matter of the Continued  
Costing and Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements,  
Transport, and Termination, Docket Number UT-003013.  
I'm presiding officer, Administrative Law Judge Larry  
Berg. This prehearing conference is being conducted

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10 this afternoon pursuant to notice served to parties on  
11 September 12, 2000. Today's date is Monday, November  
12 the 20th, 2000, and we are convened in the Commission's  
13 hearing room at its main offices in Olympia, Washington.

14 JUDGE RENDAHL: And we're also here today in  
15 the matter of the Investigation Into U.S. West  
16 Communication Incorporated's Compliance With Section 271  
17 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in Docket Number  
18 UT-003022 and in the matter of U.S. West Communication,  
19 Inc.'s Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant  
20 to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996  
21 in Docket Number UT-003040. My name is Ann Rendahl.  
22 I'm the Administrative Law Judge in those consolidated  
23 proceedings, and this prehearing conference was  
24 originally noticed on November 13th for a prehearing  
25 conference at 9:30 in the morning. On November 15th, a

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1 notice of revised prehearing conference was issued  
2 consolidating the prehearing conference in this matter  
3 as well as the prehearing conference in Docket 3013.

4 Mr. Berg.

5 JUDGE BERG: I will just make clear for the  
6 record that while we are conducting a combined  
7 prehearing conference this afternoon in the Docket  
8 Number UT-003013 and the other dockets, those  
9 proceedings shall remain separate for all other  
10 purposes.

11 At this time, we will take appearances from  
12 the parties. We will begin with counsel who are present  
13 in the room, and then we will move to counsel on the  
14 bridge line. And to assist counsel on the bridge line,  
15 we will go ahead and prompt counsel from our list, after  
16 which time we will just make sure that there are no  
17 other parties wishing to enter an appearance at this  
18 time.

19 For parties who have already or for  
20 representatives who have already entered an appearance,  
21 it is only necessary to give your name, the party you  
22 represent, and which proceedings you are appearing in.  
23 For other counsel who have not previously entered  
24 appearance, we would appreciate it if you would also  
25 provide your address, telephone number, fax number, and

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1 E-mail address.

2 So let's go ahead and start at the right of  
3 the Bench, and we will work around the room and then  
4 turn to the bridge.

5 MR. TRAUTMAN: Thank you, Your Honor, my name  
6 is Greg Trautman, Assistant Attorney General,  
7 representing Commission staff in Docket UT-003013. My  
8 address is 1400 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest,  
9 Post Office Box 40128, Olympia, Washington 98504. My  
10 telephone number is (360) 664-1187. The fax number is  
11 (360) 586-5522. And my E-mail address is Greg,  
12 greg@wutc.wa.gov.

13 JUDGE BERG: And, Mr. Trautman, I know  
14 previously there was other counsel who had entered  
15 appearance on behalf of Commission staff for the Part B  
16 of this proceeding. Do you intend to be identified as  
17 the primary contact party representative for Commission  
18 staff in Part B?

19 MR. TRAUTMAN: Yes, Your Honor.

20 JUDGE BERG: All right. And then I will just  
21 let all parties know that at least with regards to  
22 UT-003013, you can also use the shorthand and just refer  
23 to that case as Phase IV or the new generic proceeding  
24 if that's more convenient.

25 Anything else, Mr. Trautman?

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1 MR. TRAUTMAN: No, Your Honor.

2 MR. FFITCH: Good afternoon, Your Honor,  
3 Simon ffitch, Assistant Attorney General for the office  
4 of Public Counsel, appearing in the new generic case,  
5 Docket Number UT-003013. I'm also appearing for Public  
6 Counsel in the Section 271 case, UT-003022. In addition  
7 in the 271 case, Mr. Robert Cromwell of our office is  
8 also appearing.

9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.

10 MR. KOPTA: Gregory Kopta of the law firm  
11 Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, representing the following  
12 parties in both proceedings, Excel Washington Inc.,  
13 Electric Light Wave, Inc., and Advanced Telecom Group,  
14 Inc., and the following parties solely in the new  
15 generic cost docket, AT&T Communications of the Pacific  
16 Northwest, Inc., McLeod USA, Telecommunications  
17 Services, Inc., and Focal Communications Corporation of  
18 Washington.

19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.

20 For Qwest?

21 MS. ANDERL: Thank you, Your Honor, Lisa  
22 Anderl representing Qwest Corporation in both dockets.

23 MR. CATTANACH: And Bob Cattanach of Dorson  
24 Whitney representing Qwest in Docket 3022 and 3040.

25 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.

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1 JUDGE BERG: Verizon.

2 MS. MCCLELLAN: Your Honor, Jennifer  
3 McClellan and Jeff Edwards and Meredith Miles  
4 representing Verizon Northwest, Inc. in the generic  
5 cost docket.

6 JUDGE BERG: All right. And with Ms. Miles'  
7 addition to the Verizon team, Ms. McClellan, we will  
8 still retain or identify you as the primary party's  
9 representative for service and other contacts?

10 MS. MCCLELLAN: Yes, sir.

11 JUDGE BERG: All right, thank you.

12 AT&T.

13 MS. DECOOK: Thank you. Rebecca DeCook and  
14 Steven Weigler on behalf of AT&T in 3022 and 3040.

15 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.

16 JUDGE BERG: Ms. Young.  
17 MS. YOUNG: Yes, Barbara Young on behalf of  
18 Sprint in 3022 and 3040.  
19 JUDGE BERG: Mr. Harlow.  
20 MR. HARLOW: Yes, Brooks Harlow appearing on  
21 behalf of Metronet Services Corporation in Docket 3022.  
22 JUDGE BERG: All right.  
23 JUDGE RENDAHL: Mr. Harlow, can you speak up  
24 when you get back on the mike.  
25 MR. HARLOW: Is that better?

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1 JUDGE RENDAHL: That's much better, thank  
2 you.  
3 MR. HARLOW: You're welcome.  
4 JUDGE BERG: And Mr. Trautman, we will come  
5 back to you before we conclude.  
6 Ms. Hopfenbeck.  
7 MS. HOPFENBECK: Ann Hopfenbeck representing  
8 Worldcom, Inc., in both UT-003013 and UT-003022 and  
9 UT-003040.  
10 JUDGE BERG: Mr. Heath.  
11 MR. HEATH: Thank you, Your Honor. Eric  
12 Heath appearing on behalf of Sprint Corporation in both  
13 UT-003022 and UT-003013.  
14 JUDGE RENDAHL: Ms. Rackner.  
15 MS. RACKNER: Lisa Rackner for Tracer in  
16 Docket UT-003013, UT-003022, and UT-003040, and I  
17 believe this is my first appearance in the SGAT docket.  
18 My address is 222 Southwest --  
19 JUDGE RENDAHL: Before you continue, can you  
20 speak a little closer into the microphone.  
21 MS. RACKNER: Yes, is that better?  
22 JUDGE RENDAHL: That's much better, thank  
23 you.  
24 MS. RACKNER: My address is 222 Southwest  
25 Columbia, Suite 1800, Portland, Oregon 97201. My phone

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1 number is (503) 226-1191. My fax number is (503)  
2 226-0079. And my E-mail address is lfr@agerwynn.com.  
3 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you, and Ms. Rackner,  
4 you represent Tracer?  
5 MS. RACKNER: Yes.  
6 JUDGE RENDAHL: And that's in both  
7 proceedings?  
8 MS. RACKNER: Yes.  
9 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.  
10 Is Mr. Cromwell on the line?  
11 I guess not yet.  
12 Ms. Izon.  
13 MS. IZON: This is Laura Izon on behalf of  
14 Covad Communications Company in both dockets. This is  
15 my first appearance. My address is 4250 Burton Drive,  
16 Santa Clara, California 95054. My telephone number is  
17 (408) 987-1105. My fax is (408) 987-1111. And my  
18 E-mail is lizon@covad.com.

19 JUDGE RENDAHL: And, Mr. Trautman, you had  
20 something to add.

21 MR. TRAUTMAN: Oh, I just wanted to clarify  
22 that at this point I will be the primary contact for  
23 Part B, 3013, and that will not affect the previous  
24 contacts for Part A or for Part C.

25 JUDGE BERG: Thank you.

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1 Yes, sir, Mr. Ffitch.

2 MR. FFITCH: Thank you, Your Honor. I  
3 neglected to indicate that Public Counsel is also  
4 appearing in the 271 case in the companion docket 3040.  
5 I didn't list that in my statement. Thank you.

6 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you.

7 Are there any other persons on the bridge  
8 line who we haven't already identified?

9 Hearing nothing, it's time for 3013  
10 scheduling.

11 JUDGE BERG: All right, I think we will go  
12 off the record for open discussion on scheduling and  
13 then return to the record after we have something to  
14 firm up, so we will be off the record at this time.

15 (Discussion off the record.)

16 JUDGE BERG: The parties have engaged in  
17 lengthy discussions regarding scheduling in the Phase IV  
18 proceeding, and at this point, this is the schedule that  
19 will control the proceeding going forward. A hearing  
20 shall be conducted at the Commission beginning the  
21 afternoon of Monday, March 26th, and continuing through  
22 Friday, March 30th, resuming on Monday, April the 2nd,  
23 through Friday, April the 6th, then resuming on Tuesday,  
24 April the 17th, and continuing through Friday, April the  
25 20th. The intent is that those scheduled dates will be

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1 all that is necessary for all hearings to be concluded  
2 in the 3013 docket. I will note for the record that  
3 there is an open meeting scheduled the morning of  
4 Wednesday March 28th, and on that date hearings will  
5 begin at most likely 1:30 in the afternoon. We will  
6 just keep parties apprised of the fine tuning of that  
7 schedule, and parties should pay particular attention to  
8 all scheduling dates that are served and supplemental  
9 orders to follow.

10 There will be a prehearing conference  
11 conducted on Wednesday, March 21st, year 2001, for the  
12 exchange of cross exhibits and to address other  
13 administrative details for the hearing to follow.

14 There is a new schedule for the prefilings of  
15 evidence in this case. On December 20th, year 2000,  
16 parties shall file response testimony regarding Qwest's  
17 late filed cost studies as well as supplemental response  
18 testimony to other direct testimony originally filed on  
19 August the 4th, 2000. There will be rebuttal to that  
20 response testimony filed on Wednesday, February the 7th,  
21 2001. Additionally parties will file direct testimony

22 on Monday, January the 8th, 2001, regarding UNE  
23 conversion studies for EELs.  
24 MR. KOPTA: Enhanced extended links, EELs.  
25 JUDGE BERG: Enhanced extended links, thanks,

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1 as well as, I won't say what usually comes to mind, it's  
2 a very slippery subject, also line splitter arrangement  
3 cost studies. Response testimony to that direct will be  
4 due on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, and rebuttal to that  
5 response testimony will be due on February 28, 2001.  
6 With regards to the post hearing schedule, simultaneous  
7 opening briefs shall be due on May 25, 2001, and  
8 simultaneous reply briefs shall be due on June 15, 2001.

9 Any other comments from the parties before we  
10 conclude prehearing conference discussions regarding  
11 Phase IV proceeding?

12 MR. TRAUTMAN: Your Honor, I wanted one piece  
13 of clarification. On December 20th, you referred to  
14 other supplemental responses to the testimony filed  
15 August 4, 2000. Staff was or we had requested to file  
16 responses to other testimonies that were also filed on  
17 October 23rd. Is that encompassed within your ruling?

18 JUDGE BERG: I would take that as rebuttal  
19 testimony to be filed on Wednesday, February the 7th.

20 MR. TRAUTMAN: Okay.

21 JUDGE BERG: Thank you, Mr. Trautman, that is  
22 an important clarification. The Wednesday, February 7th  
23 rebuttal date is rebuttal to both response testimony  
24 filed on October 23rd and response testimony to be filed  
25 on December 20th.

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1 Anything further?

2 MS. MCCLELLAN: Your Honor, this is  
3 Ms. McClellan. Just one final clarification. So  
4 rebuttal on the definition of the line splitting over a  
5 UNE platform would be filed, would be due also on  
6 February 7?

7 JUDGE BERG: No, let's combine that on the  
8 rebuttal filing date of February the 28th. Thank you  
9 for that clarification.

10 MS. MCCLELLAN: Thank you.

11 JUDGE BERG: Anything further?

12 MS. ANDERL: Your Honor.

13 JUDGE BERG: Ms. Anderl.

14 MS. ANDERL: Your Honor, I may have just  
15 missed it, did you identify the prehearing conference on  
16 March 21st?

17 JUDGE BERG: Yes, I did.

18 MS. ANDERL: Okay, I apologize.

19 JUDGE BERG: But I didn't specify a  
20 particular time. I will have to check on Commission  
21 resources before I can commit to the parties whether  
22 that will be a morning or an afternoon session.

23 All right, then at this point in time, I'm  
24 going to turn the meeting, prehearing conference, over

25 to Judge Rendahl. I will stay on board in case there

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1 are any other issues that pop up regarding Phase IV.

2 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you, Judge Berg.

3 I will just ask at this point, Mr. Cattanach,

4 are you still trying to catch a 4:15 flight?

5 MR. CATTANACH: Toast.

6 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay, thank you. Do people

7 need a five minute break before we go on to 271?

8 MS. MCCLELLAN: Your Honor, will it be okay

9 for the parties who are just in the generic cost docket  
10 but not the combined Quest docket to drop off?

11 JUDGE RENDAHL: That's fine with me.

12 Judge Berg.

13 JUDGE BERG: Yes, I think that's appropriate.

14 Thank you very much, Ms. McClellan, Mr. Edwards, and

15 Ms. Miles.

16 MS. MCCLELLAN: Thank you.

17 MS. ANDERL: Your Honor, if other parties

18 don't mind or have an urgent need for a break, I would

19 just as soon push ahead because I have a commitment.

20 JUDGE RENDAHL: That's fine. I just wanted

21 to get a reality check.

22 We have two things to talk about. The first

23 is Qwest's request to reduce the number of topics for

24 workshop three. In the fifth supplemental order issued

25 on October 25th, those issues were identified as

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1 checklist item number two, UNEs; checklist item number

2 four, loops; checklist item number five, transport;

3 checklist item number six, switching, emerging services

4 and coordinated cutover of loops, which was deferred

5 from workshop one. My understanding is Qwest would like

6 to discuss or maybe, Ms. Anderl, if you would like to

7 reiterate your request.

8 MS. ANDERL: I think our request was to

9 reduce the number of issues to be addressed in workshop

10 three to only issues two, five, or checklist items two,

11 five, and six, which is UNEs, including UNE

12 combinations, switching, and transport, and then to move

13 the other issues including loops, coordinated cutovers

14 of loops, and emerging services into workshop four with

15 the understanding that the scheduling is kind of a

16 rolling process, and we will continue to discuss things

17 as we move forward.

18 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay, and with that, I just

19 wanted to clarify that for our purposes today, I'm just

20 wanting to know if there are any objections to reducing

21 the number of topics for workshop three, with

22 Ms. Anderl's suggestion that we will be discussing

23 further how to handle topics for workshop four and if

24 need be an additional workshop. As much as I realize

25 Qwest is opposed to that idea, we may be heading there.

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1 So are there any objections to Qwest's proposal to limit  
2 the number of topics to workshop three to UNES,  
3 switching, and transport?

4 MS. DECOOK: Your Honor.

5 JUDGE RENDAHL: Could you identify yourself,  
6 please, for the court reporter.

7 MS. DECOOK: Rebecca DeCook for AT&T.

8 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you, Ms. DeCook.

9 MS. DECOOK: So long as there is an  
10 understanding that -- I guess basically we have a  
11 concern that moving things out of workshop three into  
12 workshop four without addressing workshop four creates  
13 some concerns. But we don't have a problem with  
14 workshop three containing UNE-P transport and switching.

15 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay, I think at least for my  
16 purposes, if we move loops, emerging services, and  
17 coordinated cutover of loops to the existing topics of  
18 workshop four, which are the Section 272 issues, public  
19 interest issues, Track A issues, and audited performance  
20 data, that is quite a lot to tackle in workshop four.  
21 It seems to me safe to say there will be a need to have  
22 another workshop. And with my understanding from the  
23 parties from prior workshops that the ROC performance  
24 matters may not be completed at the time we anticipated  
25 they would be that there will likely be an opportunity

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1 to move some of these topics from workshop four to  
2 another workshop.

3 Ms. Anderl.

4 MS. ANDERL: I don't know if you want me to  
5 comment on that or not.

6 JUDGE RENDAHL: You're welcome to comment if  
7 you would like.

8 MS. ANDERL: I don't really feel the need to.  
9 We just expect -- we don't want to make any specific  
10 scheduling proposals now, because the process is  
11 somewhat fluid. And when we know more and can make a  
12 proposal that looks like it has a reasonable likelihood  
13 of something we can fulfill in terms of a scheduling  
14 proposal, then we will do that.

15 JUDGE RENDAHL: That sounds good. Are there  
16 any objections at this point to just limiting the  
17 workshop three items to UNES, transport, and switching?

18 MR. FFITCH: Your Honor, public counsel would  
19 not object with the understanding that we believe that  
20 the shift of issues to workshop four does overcrowd  
21 workshop four and would necessitate the need for  
22 additional workshop to complete all the items. And  
23 we're willing to, you know, accommodate the workshop  
24 three proposal from Qwest with the understanding that  
25 that issue will be fairly addressed, the resolution of

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1 workshop four issue will be fairly addressed.

2 JUDGE RENDAHL: What I would like to do is  
3 once we talk scheduling for workshop three, the

4 follow-up workshop and the post workshop dates, that we  
5 also look at when it might be appropriate to schedule a  
6 prehearing conference for workshop four. And then we  
7 can have a date set that Qwest can look at for figuring  
8 out its proposal for how we handle the future issues.  
9 Is that acceptable to the parties?

10           Okay, well, why don't we proceed with  
11 planning on addressing those three issues. The fifth  
12 supplemental order did identify some filing dates, which  
13 I'm assuming would remain the same. I just want to  
14 clarify that. There was a correction sent out so that  
15 initial testimony is due on December 12th. The  
16 responsive testimony is due on February 12th, 2001, with  
17 rebuttal testimony and the revised SGAT language due on  
18 February 26, 2001. Is there a need to change any of  
19 those dates at this point?

20           MS. ANDERL: Not from our perspective, Your  
21 Honor.

22           JUDGE RENDAHL: Any other thoughts?

23           Okay, with that, the third workshop will be  
24 held on March 12th through the 16th here at the  
25 Commission in room 206. And we do need to discuss the

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1 scheduling with the follow-up workshop, which was  
2 scheduled to be held on March 26th and 27th, 2001, but  
3 now will have to be moved.

4           Ms. Anderl, you had suggested during a  
5 discussion of the cost proceeding dates the possibility  
6 of using the week of April 9th. Given that that might  
7 be scheduled for Oregon workshop, did you have any  
8 further clarification of that?

9           MS. ANDERL: Well, Your Honor, in some off  
10 line discussions with other parties and some internal  
11 folks at Qwest, I had understood that the Oregon  
12 workshop process wanted to follow the Washington process  
13 and that there might be some reluctance on the part of  
14 the hearings officer in Oregon to go forward with a  
15 workshop number three prior to the time that Washington  
16 had its follow-up workshop. So I had reason to believe  
17 that those dates might go away, the Oregon April 9th  
18 dates.

19           But we don't have all the parties in that  
20 proceeding here today, so I guess I would suggest that  
21 maybe we could tentatively take two of those days as  
22 follow-up dates and then come back. Or that I know for  
23 certain that there are no 271 proceedings the week of  
24 April 23rd, and perhaps we could take two days during  
25 that week for follow-up dates.

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1           JUDGE RENDAHL: That's a good suggestion.  
2 Why don't we go off the record and have further  
3 discussion on these and the post workshop dates, and  
4 then we will come back on the record and put them on  
5 once we have identified them.

6           (Discussion off the record. )

7 JUDGE RENDAHL: While we were off the record,  
8 Mr. Cromwell came on the bridge line.  
9 Mr. Cromwell, would you like to make your  
10 appearance.  
11 MR. CROMWELL: Yes.  
12 JUDGE RENDAHL: You will have to speak up.  
13 The court reporter is having difficulty hearing you.  
14 MR. CROMWELL: Sorry, is that better?  
15 JUDGE RENDAHL: This is much better.  
16 MR. CROMWELL: Robert Cromwell on behalf of  
17 public counsel for the 271 and SGAT proceeding.  
18 JUDGE RENDAHL: Thank you. And while we were  
19 off the record, we discussed dates for the follow-up  
20 workshop for workshop three. We will be holding  
21 tentative, we have tentatively scheduled the follow-up  
22 workshop for April 24th, 25th, and 26th to be held in  
23 Seattle pending confirmation from Ms. DeCook that AT&T's  
24 attorney is able to attend that workshop, that follow-up  
25 workshop.

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1 We will also have a prehearing conference  
2 during that three day period for workshop four to  
3 determine the topics to be handled in workshop four and  
4 the need possibly for a fifth workshop.  
5 The post workshop briefs for workshop three  
6 are due on Friday, May 18th. The draft initial order  
7 for workshop three will be sent out from the Commission  
8 on June 12th, and comments on the draft order are due  
9 here at the Commission on June 26.  
10 And I believe that covers all the matters  
11 that we need to discuss today. Are there any other  
12 issues or dates that have not been discussed?  
13 Mr. Cattanach.  
14 MR. CATTANACH: I think we can go off the  
15 record for this, Your Honor, but I have some confusion  
16 about workshop two follow-ups in terms of briefing  
17 dates, draft orders, et cetera. My schedule isn't clear  
18 on that, and if you have a clear schedule, we don't have  
19 to take everybody's time on it, but I would like to see  
20 if we have that nailed down.  
21 JUDGE RENDAHL: Okay, are there any other  
22 matters to be discussed for workshop three?  
23 Hearing nothing, let's be off the record.  
24 (Hearing adjourned at 3:40 p.m.)  
25