

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

UNITED & INFORMED CITIZENS)	
ADVOCATES NETWORK)	DOCKET NO. UT-960659
)	
Complainant,)	NOTICE OF SECOND
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
v.)	
)	(September 10, 2001)
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,)	
INC.,)	
)	
Respondent)	
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GTE NORTHWEST INC.)	DOCKET NO. UT-970257
)	
Complainant,)	NOTICE OF SECOND
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
v.)	
)	(September 10, 2001)
UNITED & INFORMED CITIZEN)	
ADVOCATES NETWORK)	
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Respondent)	
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1 Docket No. UT-960659 is a formal complaint by United & Informed Citizens Advocates Network (U&I CAN) against Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company d/b/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). Docket No. UT-970257 is a formal complaint brought by GTE Northwest Incorporated (GTE) against U&I CAN. The remaining issue in Docket No. UT-960659 is whether U&I CAN owes access charges to U S WEST. The issue in Docket No. UT-970257 is whether U&I CAN owes access charges to GTE.

2 On July 22, 1999, the Commission entered a notice of suspension of the schedule of these consolidated matters. On November 9, 1999, the Commission found that a subpoena duces tecum directed to United & Informed Citizen Advocates Network, and to Mr. Bill Loveless, its manager, was valid and should be served. The Commission has not received any input from the parties since that date regarding

whether U S WEST Communications, Inc. or GTE Northwest Incorporated intend to pursue collecting access charges from United & Informed Citizens Advocates Network in these consolidated matters.

3 On June 25, 2001, the Commission served a letter instructing U S WEST Communications, Inc., (d/b/a Qwest Corporation) and GTE Northwest Incorporated, (d/b/a Verizon Northwest, Inc.) to file with the Commission no later than July 12, 2001, a notice of either their intention to pursue collecting access charges from United & Informed Citizens Advocates Network in this consolidated matter or of their motions to dismiss the matters.

4 On July 12, 2001, both U S WEST Communications, Inc., (d/b/a Qwest Corporation) and GTE Northwest, Incorporated, (d/b/a Verizon Northwest, Inc.) responded indicating their intention to pursue collecting access charges from United & Informed Citizen Advocates Network. The Commission has determined that a prehearing conference should be held to plan the remainder of these consolidated proceedings.

5 **NOTICE IS GIVEN That a prehearing conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, September 10, 2001, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

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

7 The complete file is available for inspection during office hours at the Commission's Records Center in Olympia, Washington. 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 August, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge