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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant,))) DOCKET NO. U-89-2698-F
v.) DOCKET NO. UT-90-0118
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,))))
In the Matter of the Petition of:) DOCKET NO. U-89-3245-P
PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF REGULATION.) SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER) DENYING RECONSIDERATION)))
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These proceedings resulted in a stipulated offer of settlement by which the parties submitted to the Commission for approval certain rate reductions and regulatory changes. The Commission accepted the basic elements of the stipulation, but ordered some modifications. See, the Commission's Fourth Supplemental Order in these consolidated cases.

U S West accepted the result of the Fourth Supplemental Order and attempted compliance with terms of the order through a tariff filing which was designated Docket No. UT-90-0118 for Commission administrative purposes, although it is a filing in these consolidated proceedings. The Commission entered its Fifth Supplemental Order accepting the filing as partial compliance with the stipulation, but requiring U S West to make a further filing no later than March 15, 1990, to achieve further rate reductions.

U S West now moves for reconsideration of the Fifth Supplemental Order, contending that the order is erroneous, incomplete, arbitrary and capricious, based upon unlawful procedure and otherwise reversible on appeal. The Commission disagrees.

The Commission denies the motion, ruling that the company states no basis for reconsideration. The Fifth Supplemental Order reflects the Commission's interpretation of its Fourth Supplemental Order and the company's commitments which the Commission accepted in that order. The basis for the company's motion is that its subjective intention regarding the language the Commission accepted is different from the Commission's interpretation. The Commission finds that the motion does not state error in the complained-of order, nor state any other basis for granting reconsideration and the company's requested relief.

The motion should be denied.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, The Commission denies the motion of U S West for reconsideration of the Fifth Supplemental Order in these consolidated proceedings.

DATED and effective at Olympia, Washington this 12th day of March, 1990.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman

RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner

A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner