

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Agreement #U25415 between)
WASHINGTON MUTUAL SAVINGS and U.S.)
WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., for the)
Provision of U.S. West Communications, Inc.'s)
Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection Service)
)

DOCKET NO. 00-049-24

REPORT AND ORDER

ISSUED: June 26, 2000

SYNOPSIS

No detriment to the public interest appearing, the Commission approved the proposed contract.

By the Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 12, 2000, Petitioner U.S. West Communications, Inc. ("USWC"), submitted a proposed contract with Washington Mutual Savings ("Washington Mutual"), to provide guaranteed calling connection rate pricing. The matter was referred for review to the Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce (DPU), which filed a memorandum June 6, 2000, recommending approval. No opposition having emerged, nor any appearing likely, on our own motion we have determined to dispose of the matter without hearing or further proceedings. The Administrative Law Judge, having been fully advised in the matter, now enters the following Report, containing proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the Order based thereon.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. USWC, Petitioner herein, is a telephone corporation certificated by this Commission.
2. The prices set in the proposed contract exceed the price floor for large customer calling volumes calculated by USWC and likewise exceed the imputed average USWC switched access charges related to intrastate toll services provided by other interexchange carriers.

DISCUSSION

Since the prices set forth in the proposed contract do not appear to be anti-competitive, there does not appear to be any prospective detriment to the public interest.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The contract should be approved.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

The contract for guaranteed rate calling connection service between USWC and Washington Mutual be, and it is,

approved.

Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this Order. Failure so to do will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 26th day of June, 2000.

/s/ A. Robert Thurman
Administrative Law Judge

Approved and Confirmed this 26th day of June, 2000, as the Report and Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary