

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of U.S. WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., for Approval of)
Compliance with 47 U.S.C. §271(d)(2)(B))

DOCKET NO. 00-049-08
PROCEDURAL ORDER

ISSUED: December 6, 2001

By The Commission:

The Commission is interested in determining if agreement can be reached concerning the Utah Staff's proposed post-entry assurance performance plan (hereafter referred to as the QPAP). In order to facilitate these discussions and encourage agreement, the Commission designates Judith Hooper, of the Division of Public Utilities, to be a staff advocate for the purpose of participating in these negotiations. The term of this appointment shall be from the issuance of this Order until such time as the Commission issues its Report and Order with respect to the QPAP.

Representatives of Qwest and of the interveners in this Docket may contact Ms. Hooper to participate in the negotiations regarding the Utah Staff's proposed QPAP. The Commission directs that at a minimum one meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th day of December 2001 in room 426 of the Heber M. Wells Building in Salt Lake City, Utah to determine if parties can reach agreement concerning these issues. Any authorized representative of the parties to this Docket may attend the December 12th meeting as desired. Participants may attend in person or by phone bridge. The Commission directs the parties to file a report with the Commission by the 18th of December concerning any agreements reached and the public policy justifications for said agreements. Any party to this Docket may petition the Commission to extend the time allowed for negotiations beyond December 18, 2001 if it can be shown that additional significant agreements are likely.

The designation of Ms. Hooper as advocacy staff is strictly limited to the time periods previously mentioned in this Order. The designation does not extend to any other issue or any other time period for which Ms. Hooper is currently designated as advisory staff. The current limited term designation will not preclude Ms. Hooper from returning to her previous role as an advisory staff member on this issue following the issuance of the Commission's report and Order on the QPAP.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission Orders the following.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that.

1. Judith Hooper is temporarily designated as advocacy staff for the purpose of engaging in discussions and negotiations directed towards developing an acceptable proposed post entry assurance plan that effectively protects the public interest in the Utah service territory of Qwest.
2. This designation is in effect from the time of this Order's issuance to the time the Commission issues a Report and Order on the QPAP.
3. The parties to this Docket must file a report on any agreement reached on December 18th 2001. Said report will contain an explanation of the public policy justifications of any agreements reached. If the parties are not able to complete their work by December 18th, and if a likelihood of significant agreement in the near future can be shown, the parties may petition the Commission to extend the period of negotiation beyond the December 18, 2001 cutoff date.
4. The parties will meet on December 12th, 2001 in room 426 of the Heber M. Wells building in Salt Lake City,

Utah, and at other times as they judge to be necessary. Interested parties may attend the December 12th meeting in person or by phone.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 6th day of December, 2001.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary

G#27448