

In the Matter of the Investigation by the PUBLIC )  
SERVICE COMMISSION to Establish Service )  
Standards for U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, )  
INC. for 1997. )

DOCKET NO. 97-049-06

NOTICE OF  
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

ISSUED: August 7, 1998

By the Commission:

The Commission hereby gives notice that it has set a Scheduling Conference for this docket to determine whether further proceedings are necessary or whether this docket should be closed. This docket was instituted to investigate the need to establish service standards for U S West Communications, Inc. (U S West) for residential and business consumers during 1997 and the form of such standards. The Commission established held order targets, relative to local exchange service used by retail customers, in an order issued July 30, 1997. Reports on U S West's held order activities for 1997 were filed November 21, 1997, and February 27, 1998. The Commission desires to conclude the matter of U S West's performance in relation to the 1997 held order targets established in the July 30, 1997, order and proposes to close this docket with no further action.

The Commission has set a Scheduling Conference, for interested parties and the Commission to determine whether to close this docket or whether further proceedings, if any, are necessary in this docket and the appropriate schedule to be followed, for Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in Room #427, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Commission requests that, ten days prior to the Scheduling Conference, interested parties file with the Commission and serve upon other parties, a position paper which summarizes the party's position on whether further proceedings are needed in this docket and outlines the party's proposed schedule, if additional proceedings are proposed.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this conference should notify Julie Orchard, Commission Secretary, at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111, (801)530-6713, at least three working days prior to the conference.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 7th day of August, 1998.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

(SEAL)

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary