

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Petitions Received by) DOCKET NO. 91-049-15

the Committee for Extended Area Services,)

From the Residential Telephone Consumers)

From Alta/Snowbird Exchange.)

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In the Matter of the EAS Petition Between) DOCKET NO. 96-049-26

Leeds and Hurricane.)

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In the Matter of the Petition for EAS From) DOCKET NO. 96-049-22

Brigham City to Ogden, Clearfield, and)

Kaysville.)

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In the Matter of the EAS Petition Between) DOCKET NO. 96-049-21

Alta and Salt Lake City.)

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In the Matter of the EAS Petition Between) DOCKET NO. 96-049-09

Blanding, Bluff, Lake Powell, and Mexican)

Hat.)

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In the Matter of the Petition for EAS From) DOCKET NO. 96-049-02

Lehi to Salt Lake City.)

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In the Matter of EAS for Tooele.) DOCKET NO. 97-049-07

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In the Matter of EAS Between Brian Head-) DOCKET NO. 97-049-03

Cedar City/Parowan.)

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In the Matter of the Petition for EAS From) DOCKET NO. 97-049-19

Richfield and the Junction Utah Area to Salt)

Lake City.)

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In the Matter of EAS for Nephi to Goshen,) DOCKET NO. 97-049-28

Payson, Provo, Orem, Salem, Santaquin,)

Spanish Fork, and Springville Exchanges.) REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ISSUED: April 28, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has consolidated these dockets for the purpose of receiving interested persons' comments on the effect, if any, that the provisions of Utah's 1995 Telecommunications Reform Act (Utah Laws, ch. 269) may have upon these proceedings. Parties in some of these proceedings have suggested to the Commission that the provisions of U.C.A. §54-8b-2.4 preclude the establishment of any additional extended area service (EAS) within the Utah service territory of U S West Communications, Inc., in as much as additional EAS would cause an increase in prices for tariffed telecommunications services beyond that permitted by §54-8b-2.4. If this position is correct, it would preclude the Commission from authorizing the additional EAS requests involved in these dockets, to the extent that they involve U S West Communications exchanges and service territory.

The Commission invites interested persons to submit their views on the issue identified in this notice, through either written comments, briefs or memoranda. An original, seven paper copies and a 3 ½ inch computer diskette copy (in WordPerfect 5.x or equivalent format) should be filed on or before Monday, July 6, 1998, by 5:00 p.m., with the Utah Public Service Commission, 4th Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111, or P.O. Box 45585, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0585.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 28th day of April, 1998.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

(SEAL) /s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary