

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of a Toll Service Contract)
for the LDS CHURCH.)

DOCKET NO. 98-049-27

ORDER APPROVING CONTRACT

ISSUED: November 5, 1998

By the Commission:

On September 14, 1998, U S WEST Communications (USWC) filed a proposed contract for Toll Service between it and the LDS Church. The contract was filed with the Commission for approval pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-8b-3.3.

In our November 1, 1990 Order in Docket No. 90-049-05, we approved a contract between USWC and Zions Data Service Company. Rather than repeat our analysis in that Order, we will simply state that the contract in this case is being considered under the same principles set forth in the Zions Data Order.

Following the filing of the contract in this case, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed it. In a Memorandum to the Commission, the Division recommended that we approve the contract in this case.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission finds that the services offered in the proposed contract are competitive and that the customer has other available alternatives, that the proposed rates are reasonable and in the general range of prices offered by competitors, that the proposed rates are above cost and therefore compensatory, and that approval will not harm other telecommunications suppliers.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The proposed contract meets the requirements of §54-8b-3.3 and should be approved.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the contract between USWC and the LDS Church is hereby approved to become effective immediately.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 5th day of November, 1998.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

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

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary