

-BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH-

In the Matter of a Complaint Against AT&T)
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN)
STATES, INC., MCI WORLDCOM, INC., and)
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,)
L.P., by U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC., Regarding In-state Long Distance)
Slamming)

DOCKET NO. 99-049-01

SCHEDULING ORDER

ISSUED: February 16, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 26, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST"), filed its Complaint Regarding In-state Long Distance Slamming and Request for Expedited Proceeding ("Complaint"). The Complaint alleged that AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("AT&T"), MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCIW"), and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") had engaged in slamming of intrastate long distance customers. The Complaint requested that the Commission conduct an expedited proceeding similar to the 45-day proceeding under Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-17.

On January 27, 1999, the Commission issued a Notice of Hearing setting a hearing on February 3, 1999. AT&T filed its Response in Opposition to an Expedited Proceeding dated February 1, 1999. MCIW filed its Response to U S WEST's Request for Shortened Response Time and for Expedited Treatment dated February 2, 1999, which also opposed the request for an expedited proceeding. Sprint filed a letter dated February 2, 1999 joining in AT&T's response.

At the hearing on February 3, 1999, counsel for all parties appeared either in person or by telephone. After hearing the argument of the parties on whether an expedited proceeding should be held, the Commission set a hearing in the matter for April 14, 1999, with the possibility of continuing the hearing on April 15, 1999, if necessary, and requested the parties to submit a schedule of intermediate dates consistent with that hearing date. Although this schedule does not comply with the requirements of Section 54-8b-17, which all parties concede is inapplicable, it is somewhat expedited because the Commission is concerned about the possibility that customers may be harmed by unauthorized changes of providers.

U S WEST has submitted a proposed schedule which it represents has been reviewed and approved by all parties given the Commission's decision to hold the hearing on April 14, 1999.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The schedule of proceedings in this matter shall be as follows:

February 16, 1999	Responses of respondents to complaint of U S WEST due
March 2, 1999	U S WEST direct testimony due
March 23, 1999	Respondents' direct testimony due
March 29, 1999	Last day to serve discovery requests
April 2, 1999	Division of Public Utilities and Committee of Consumer Services testimony or position

statements, if any, due

April 9, 1999 U S WEST rebuttal to respondents' testimony due and testimony of U S WEST and respondents responding to testimony of Division and Committee due

April 14, 1999 Hearings to commence. Hearings will extend to April 15, 1999 if necessary. 2. All hearings will commence at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's Hearing Room, Room 426, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

3. All filings, including pleadings and testimony, and discovery requests and responses shall be served on opposing counsel by hand delivery to counsel located in the same city and by facsimile and overnight delivery to counsel located in a different city than the person making the filing or service.

4. Discovery responses shall be served not later than 10 calendar days following the date of service of the requests.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this hearing 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 hearing.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 16th day of February, 1999.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

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

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary