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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
Arizona Corporation Commission AZ CORP COMMISSION

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6 IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S COMPLIANCE  
7 WITH § 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ACT OF 1996.

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**PROCEDURAL ORDER**

8 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

9 Upon a review of the record, including the discovery requests served upon the parties and the  
10 status of the law, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") has concerns regarding the  
11 procedure established to prepare for consultation with the Federal Communications Commission  
12 ("FCC") regarding an anticipated § 271 application by U S WEST Communications, Inc. The  
13 Commission believes that standards for Operational Support Systems ("OSS") must be clarified  
14 before proceeding to a hearing to determine whether U S WEST has met these standards. A  
15 collaborative process to assist U S WEST in complying with the standards will result in more  
16 expeditious satisfaction of § 271 requirements.

17 It therefore is appropriate to continue the presently scheduled hearing and procedural dates,  
18 and to obtain parties' input regarding the best procedure to achieve an efficient and thorough review  
19 of OSS issues.

20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing on the above matter, presently set for August  
21 11, 1999, shall be, and is hereby, continued until further order of the Commission.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline of June 25, 1999 for Staff and intervenors to  
23 file testimony, shall be, and is hereby, continued until further order of the Commission.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline of July 26, 1999 for U S WEST to file rebuttal  
25 testimony, shall be, and is hereby, continued until further order of the Commission.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pre-hearing conference, presently set for August 5,  
27 1999, shall be, and is hereby, continued until further order of the Commission.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 1999, the parties shall provide

1 responses to the following questions<sup>1</sup>:

- 2 1. What are the current national standards for OSS?
- 3 2. For areas in which no national standards exist, when are national standards
- 4 anticipated?
- 5 3. What are the current FCC guidelines for OSS?
- 6 4. What are other standards this Commission should consider in evaluating
- 7 whether U S WEST OSS complies with § 271?
- 8 5. Has an OSS, or any portion of OSS, been approved by the FCC? If so, please
- 9 provide specifics.
- 10 6. What type of collaborative process do you recommend to enable the parties to
- 11 reach agreement on an acceptable OSS?
- 12 7. What information is necessary to enable you to determine whether U S
- 13 WEST's OSS is acceptable?
- 14 8. Do you agree that formal discovery should remain in place during the
- 15 workshop phase of OSS? Should the discovery process be modified, if so,
- 16 how?
- 17 9. What discovery items that had been incorporated into intervenors' testimony
- 18 should be separated out and responded to by intervenors prior to the filing of
- 19 testimony?
- 20 10. How should the workshops be conducted to ensure maximum results in
- 21 assessing U S WEST's OSS? Who should participate? How many workshops
- 22 do you anticipate being useful, and over what period of time?
- 23 11. Should a Staff Report issue with recommendations regarding existing OSS
- 24 compliance and modifications to achieve compliance? How long after the last
- 25 workshop will Staff need to issue a Report?
- 26 12. How much time after issuance of a Staff Report will you need to respond to the
- 27 Report?
- 28 13. When will the intervenors and Staff be able to file a preliminary statement
- indicating whether U S WEST is in compliance with any checklist items?
14. Any other relevant information that the parties desire to provide.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

  
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<sup>1</sup> Joint responses are acceptable.

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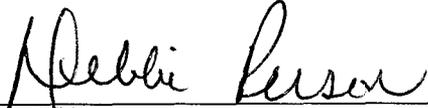
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