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

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

Our July 22, 1999 Procedural Order required all parties, including the Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to file on or before August 23, 1999 their preliminary Statements of Position on the various checklist items contained in Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On August 16, 1999, Staff filed a Request for Extension of Time to File ("Request"). On August 19, 1999, Cox Arizona Telecom and e-spire™ Communications (collectively referred to as "Cox and e-spire") filed comments to the Request.

Staff indicated it has been unable to complete its review and analysis of the various checklist items and requested an extension until September 7, 1999. Further, Staff indicated that most parties did not object to the Request with the understanding they too would be granted additional time. U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S West") did not oppose Staff's Request but did oppose additional time for any of the other parties. Cox and e-spire filed comments to clarify their acquiescence to Staff was with the understanding they would also receive an extension of time.

Based on the above, we will grant Staff's Request. As a result, we will extend the time for Staff and all other parties to file their preliminary statements by September 7, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that preliminary position statements on the Section 271 checklist items shall be filed by 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 1999.

DATED this 26th day of August, 1999.

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