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

Docket No. T-0000A-97-238

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
STATEMENTS OF POSITION ON U S WEST'S COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTION 271 CHECKLIST ITEMS

The Arizona Corporation Commission Staff ("Commission Staff"), by its attorneys, hereby requests an extension of time to file its Statement of Position on U S WEST Communications, Inc.'s compliance with the various checklist items contained in Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act").

The Commission's July 22, 1999 Procedural Order required all parties, including Commission Staff, to file preliminary Statements of Position on the various checklist items by August 23, 1999. Commission Staff has been unable to complete its review and analysis of all of the data necessary to put together its Statement on the 14-point checklist and, therefore, requests until September 7, 1999 for this purpose. This short delay should not prejudice either the Applicant or any of the other parties to this proceeding since a procedural schedule has not yet been established and the Workshop process has not yet begun.

Commission Staff has contacted many of the other parties^{1/} and they do not object to the extension requested by Staff. Most parties, with the exception of U S WEST, requested that Commission Staff seek the extension on their behalf as well. U S WEST indicated that Staff could represent that U S WEST does not oppose Staff's request for additional time. U S

^{1/} Staff contacted the attorneys for MCI, RUCO, Sprint, e-spire, Cox, AT&T, TCG, the Arizona Payphone Association, Nextlink and U S WEST.

1 WEST asked that Staff further indicate that U S WEST is opposed to an extension for the other
2 parties because U S WEST believes they have had adequate time to prepare their Statements.

3 In summary, Commission Staff respectfully requests an extension of time until
4 September 7, 1999 to submit Statements of Position on U S WEST's compliance with the 14-
5 point checklist.

6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16th day of August, 1999.

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