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IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S) DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-238
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271 OF)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF)
1996)
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MOTION TO MODIFY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission modify its current Section 271 workshop schedule. Qwest makes this request for two reasons. First, Arizona has several workshops that are currently open and in various stages of process. Qwest recommends that these open workshops be closed before opening new subjects in workshops. Second, currently nine of the first 24 weeks of the year 2001 are dedicated to workshops in the state of Arizona. While Qwest encourages Arizona to move this docket as expeditiously as possible, having such frequent workshops makes parties less efficient during the workshop process and will make it difficult for staff to complete reports from workshops in a timely basis. Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission adopt its proposed workshop schedule.

BACKGROUND

Qwest, then U S WEST, filed its § 271 application in January 1999. In January 2000 Qwest and several intervenors began a series of workshops on Checklist Items. The parties completed workshops on the seven non-OSS-related Checklist Items in the first half of 2000. In

August 2000, Arizona held its first workshop on Checklist Items 1 (Interconnection/Collocation) and 14 (Resale). Since that time we have had one follow-up workshop but have yet to complete collocation. In September 2000, Arizona held the workshop on Emerging Services (dark fiber, subloop unbundling, packet switching and line sharing). Since that time there has been no follow-up workshop and this workshop also remains open. In addition, in October 2000, Arizona held a workshop on Checklist Items 2 (UNE combinations), 5 (Transport) and 6 (Switching). Since that time we have had one follow-up workshop, which workshop is yet to close. Therefore, three substantial workshops are started, and remain open. Currently, Arizona has contemplated starting workshops on Unbundled Loops, general terms and conditions and forecasting before completing the three open workshops. Qwest strongly endorses completing the three open workshops before opening new workshops. Therefore, Qwest proposes to modify the proposed Arizona schedule as follows:

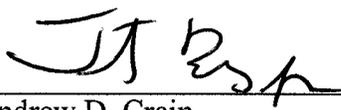
QWEST'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Workshop Date	Arizona Proposed Schedule	Qwest Proposed Schedule
January 29 - February 2	Checklist Items 4 & 11 as well as line splitting	Completion of Emerging Services
February 5 – 6	Performance Assurance Plan	No Change
February 7 – 9	Follow-up	Canceled
February 13 – 15	Not proposed	Completion of workshop on Checklist Items 1 & 14
February 26 – March 2	General terms and forecasting	Completion of workshop re Checklist Items 2, 5 & 6, UNE-P
March 5 – 9	Proposed completion of Checklist Items 2, 5 & 6	Canceled

Workshop Date	Arizona Proposed Schedule	Qwest Proposed Schedule
April 2 - 4	Performance Assurance Plan	No Change
April 9 - 13	Not proposed	Initial workshop on Checklist Items 4, 11 & line splitting
April 16 - 20	Follow-up	Canceled
May 14 - 18	272 & follow-up	Public Interest & 272
May 28 - June 1	Follow-up	Canceled
June 11 - 15	Public Interest	Canceled

While these proposed changes are significant, Qwest believes that this will allow all parties to marshal resources more efficiently, to focus energies on issues that need to be closed, and to use less workshop days to get the same amount of work finished. Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission adopt its proposed schedule for these workshops.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of January, 2001.

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