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6 | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
7 | OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
8 | A COLORADO CORPORATION, FOR A)
9 | HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS)
10 | OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF)
11 | THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING)
12 | PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND)
13 | REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON)
14 | AND TO APPROVE RATE SCHEDULES)
15 | DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.)

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-99-0105

**JOINT MOTION OF U S WEST
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND
COMMISSION STAFF FOR
MODIFICATION OF THE
CURRENT PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

12 | On August 14, 1999, the Hearing Division issued an Amended Rate Case
13 | Procedural Order establishing dates for the filing of testimony and a hearing on U S WEST
14 | Communications Inc.'s ("U S WEST" or the "Company") application for increased rates. U S
15 | WEST and Commission Staff, (collectively the "Movants") hereby jointly request that the
16 | procedural schedule established in the August 14, 1999 Order be modified to extend the time for
17 | the filing of testimony and hearing as discussed below.

18 | The current procedural schedule in this case requires the Staff and Intervenor to
19 | file direct testimony on October 25, 1999. This does not allow adequate time for the Company
20 | to update its schedules (both depreciation and revenue requirement as necessary) and revise its
21 | testimony in this case to reflect its new depreciation rates and any other corrections to its
22 | schedules as may be necessary. It further does not allow Staff and the Intervenor adequate time
23 | to review the revised testimony and schedules and prepare testimony in response to the
24 | Company's amended filing.

25 | The Movants request that the filing deadline for Staff and Intervenor direct
26 | testimony be extended to 30 days after the Company files its updated schedules incorporating its
27 | new depreciation rates and revised testimony, and other corrections as may be necessary in this
28 | case. The Company should be required to amend its filing when there is a determination on the

1 Staff and U S WEST depreciation rate calculations in the Depreciation Docket filed October 1,
2 1999.¹ Staff recommends requiring the Company to file within two weeks of any such
3 determination. Staff and all Intervenors would then have sufficient time, i.e. 30 days, to review
4 the Company's revised testimony and schedules and prepare testimony in response to the
5 Company's amendments. U S WEST and Commission Staff also request that all other dates in
6 the existing procedural schedule be extended for the same amount of time as the Staff/Intervenor
7 direct testimony filing date. The Movants also propose that discovery be extended until a date
8 subsequently determined by the Commission.

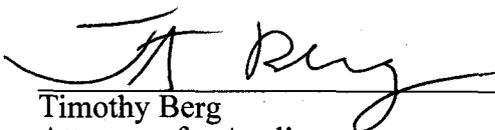
9 The Commission Staff and U S WEST have contacted the Intervenors in this case
10 and no party objects to this joint request for modification of the existing procedural schedule. In
11 addition, U S WEST agrees to waive any statutory or other deadlines to the extent necessary to
12 allow for the extension of time or modifications to the existing procedural schedule ultimately
13 adopted by the Commission.

14 WHEREFORE, U S WEST and Commission Staff hereby respectfully request a
15 modification of the current procedural schedule as discussed above.

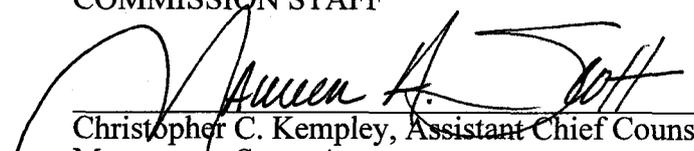
16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of October, 1999.

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¹ In the Matter of U S WEST's Depreciation Rates, Docket No. T-01051B-97-0689.

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 The original and ten copies of the foregoing "Joint Motion Of U S WEST
3 Communications, Inc. and Commission Staff For Modification Of The Current Procedural
4 Schedule" were filed this 18th day of October, 1999 with:

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