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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
A COLORADO CORPORATION, FOR A
HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS
OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF
THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING
PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND
REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON
AND TO APPROVE RATE SCHEDULES
DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.

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U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,
INC.'S RESPONSE TO AT&T
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE
MOUNTAIN STATES' MOTION TO
COMPEL U S WEST TO RESPOND
TO AT&T DATA REQUEST NO. 72

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U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") submits the
following response to AT&T Communications of the Mountain States,
Inc.'s ("AT&T") Motion to Compel U S WEST to Respond to AT&T Data
Request No. 72.

RESPONSE

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This rate case was filed originally with a test year ended
June 30, 1998. Only recently was U S WEST directed by the Hearing
Officer to update its rate case filing to reflect a test year
ended December 31, 1999. Over the past few weeks U S WEST has
focused substantial time, energy and resources on preparing the
filing of the material required for the updated test year. U S
WEST is filing its update today.

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AT&T's Data Request No. 72 seeks information concerning U S
WEST's construction projects for the 1999 calendar year. U S WEST

1 previously responded to a related request, AT&T's Data Request No.
2 38, by providing AT&T with the information it requested for the
3 years ending December 31, 1996, 1997, and 1998.

4 Counsel for AT&T failed to confer with U S WEST's counsel
5 about Data Request No. 72 prior to filing the instant Motion to
6 Compel. Had such contact been made, AT&T would have been informed
7 that U S WEST intended to respond to the request after preparing
8 its updated test year filing and that such response would be
9 delayed because of the substantial U S WEST resources devoted to
10 preparing the updated test year data. U S WEST is now preparing a
11 response to Data Request No. 72 that will provide the information
12 AT&T requested.

13 For the foregoing reasons U S WEST respectfully requests the
14 Commission deny AT&T's Motion as U S WEST has agreed to provide
15 AT&T with the requested data.

16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of May, 2000.

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