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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
UTILITY CONTROL

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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF U S  
7 WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. A COLORADO  
8 CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING TO  
9 DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE  
10 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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PROCEDURAL ORDER

11 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

12 On January 8, 1999, U S West Communications, Inc. ("U S West" or "Company") filed with  
13 the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") a rate application.

14 On February 26, 1999, the Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Commission filed a letter  
15 indicating that U S West's rate application was sufficient and classifying the utility as a Class A  
16 utility.

17 Our March 4, 1999 Procedural Order set the hearing and dates to file testimony.  
18 As a result of a separate depreciation docket for U S West as well as the hiring by Staff of a second  
19 consultant to evaluate whether a form of alternative regulation would be appropriate for U S West,  
20 our August 14, 1999 Procedural Order amended the procedural schedule. It was subsequently  
21 determined that the delay in resolving the depreciation docket was an extraordinary event pursuant to  
22 A.A.C. R14-2-103(B)(11)(e).

23 At the April 25, 2000 Open Meeting the U S West depreciation docket was resolved.  
24 Accordingly, an amended procedural schedule must be established.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-101,  
25 the Commission now issued this Amended Procedural Order to govern the preparation and conduct of  
26 this proceeding.

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28 <sup>1</sup> A Procedural Conference was held on May 3, 2000 at which time the parties agreed to the hearing commencing on September 25, 2000.

1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in the above-captioned matter shall  
2 commence on September 25, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the  
3 Commission's offices in Phoenix, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a pre-hearing conference shall be held on September 21,  
5 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission's Phoenix offices, for the purpose of scheduling witnesses and  
6 the conduct of the hearing.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any direct testimony and associated exhibits to be presented  
8 at hearing on behalf of Staff and intervenors shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00  
9 p.m. on July 25, 2000.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be  
11 presented at hearing on behalf of U S West shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00  
12 p.m. on August 15, 2000.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any surrebuttal testimony and associated exhibits to be  
14 presented by the Staff or intervenors shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00 p.m. on  
15 September 5, 2000.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any rejoinder testimony and associated exhibits to be  
17 presented at the hearing on behalf of the Company shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before  
18 4:00 p.m. on September 19, 2000.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that U S West shall file its updated reconstructed cost new rate  
20 base direct testimony and associated exhibits to be presented at hearing on or before 4:00 p.m. on  
21 June 9, 2000.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any revised direct testimony and associated exhibits  
23 regarding the reconstructed cost new rate base to be presented at hearing on behalf of Staff and  
24 intervenors shall be reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2000.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any rebuttal testimony and associated exhibits regarding  
26 the reconstructed cost new rate base to be presented at hearing on behalf of U S West shall be  
27 reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00 p.m. on September 19, 2000.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any revised direct testimony and associated exhibits

1 regarding cost studies and rate design to be presented at hearing on behalf of U S West shall be  
2 reduced to writing and filed on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 2000.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any objections to any testimony or exhibits which have  
4 been prefiled as of September 19, 2000 shall be made on or before September 21, 2000.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all testimony filed shall include a table of contents which  
6 lists the issues discussed.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any substantive corrections, revisions, or supplements to  
8 pre-filed testimony shall be reduced to writing and filed no later than five days before the witnesses is  
9 scheduled to testify.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall prepare a brief, written summary of the  
11 pre-filed testimony of each of their witnesses and shall file each summary at least two working days  
12 before the witness is scheduled to testify.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of summaries should be served upon the Presiding  
14 Officer, the Commissioners, and the Commissioners' aides as well as the parties of record.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that discovery shall be as permitted by law and the rules and  
16 regulations of the Commission, except that: any objection to discovery requests shall be made within  
17 three days<sup>2</sup> of receipt; responses to discovery requests shall be made within five days of receipt; the  
18 response time may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved of the request requires  
19 an extreme compilation effort; and no discovery requests shall be served after September 21, 2000.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive  
21 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

22 DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

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JERRY L. RUDIBAUGH  
CHIEF HEARING OFFICER

<sup>2</sup> All reference to "days" is to calendar days.

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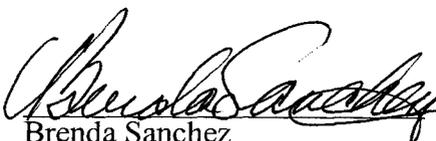
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