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

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17 IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST
18 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TARIFF FILING FOR
19 APPROVAL OF A \$.25 SURCHARGE FOR A
20 CALL TO A U S WEST 800 SERVICE LINE
21 FROM A PAY TELEPHONE.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

22 Our May 5, 2000 Procedural Order set the above-captioned matter for hearing commencing
23 on September 25, 2000. On September 18, 2000, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly known as
24 U S West Communications, Inc. and the Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") of the Arizona Corporation
25 Commission ("Commission") filed a Joint Motion for an Extension of Hearing ("Motion"). On
26 September 19, 2000, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("AT&T") filed a
27 Response to the Motion.

28 In the Motion, Qwest and Staff requested an extension of two weeks for the hearing and pre-
hearing conference while they attempted to resolve many of the issues among themselves as well as
with other parties.

Our September 20, 2000 Procedural Order granted the continuance with the hearing scheduled
for October 10, 2000.

On October 4, 2000, Qwest and Staff filed a Second Joint Motion for Extension of Hearing
("Second Motion"). In the Second Motion, Qwest and Staff requested an additional extension until

1 October 19, 2000 in order to continue to attempt to resolve many of the issues.

2 It was determined at the time that good cause had been shown and the hearing was continued
3 until October 19, 2000. In addition, the pre-hearing conference was re-scheduled until October 16,
4 2000.

5 Subsequently, the pre-hearing conference was held on October 16, 2000. At that time, Staff
6 and Qwest indicated they could file the Proposed Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") by 4:00 p.m.
7 on October 20, 2000 and file supporting testimony by 4:00 p.m. on October 27, 2000.

8 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-101, the Commission now issues this Procedural Order to govern
9 the preparation and conduct of this proceeding.

10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing in the above-captioned matter shall be
11 continued and shall commence on November 29, 2000¹, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as is
12 practical, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that public comments shall be taken at the beginning of the
14 hearing.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a pre-hearing conference shall be held on November 22,
16 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's Phoenix offices², for the purpose of scheduling witnesses and
17 the conduct of the hearing.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff and Qwest shall file the Agreement on or before 4:00
19 p.m. on October 20, 2000.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff, Qwest, and other signatories of the Agreement shall
21 file testimony and supporting documents in support of the Agreement on or before 4:00 p.m. on
22 October 27, 2000.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that discovery requests may be served upon Staff and Qwest by
24 any party herein regarding the Agreement up through 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2000.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff and Qwest shall make every reasonable effort to reply
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27 ¹ At the procedural conference, the Presiding Administrative Law Judge had indicated a November 28, 2000
28 hearing date. Subsequently, it was determined that an Open Meeting was already scheduled on that date

² A phone conference shall also be set up.

1 to each discovery request within 24 hours³ of receipt.

2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Intervenors shall file specific
3 disagreements/testimony/comments regarding the Agreement by 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2000.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that cross-examination/direct testimony by Intervenors shall be
5 limited to those areas filed as specific disagreements/testimony/comments.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Intervenors shall file no later than 4:00 p.m. on November
7 13, 2000 a list of witnesses and subject area(s) to be covered at the hearing in this matter.

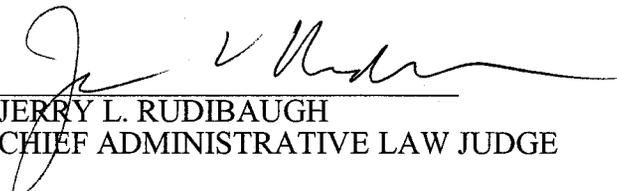
8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest and Staff shall file any rebuttal testimony by 4:00
9 p.m. on November 20, 2000.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest and Staff shall file no later than 4:00 p.m. on
11 November 20, 2000 a list of witnesses and subject area(s) to be covered at the hearing on this matter.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time-clock rules set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-103 are
13 hereby suspended indefinitely as the Agreement is determined to be an extraordinary event.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter,
15 amend, or waive any portion or this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by
16 ruling at hearing.

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18 DATED this 17th day of October, 2000.

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22 JERRY L. RUDIBAUGH
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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28 ³ A reply to a Friday request would be due the first business day thereafter.

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