

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2156
of US West Communications of)
Denver, Colorado, seeking a) DOCKET CLOSED
declaration that competition)
exists for the exchanges in)
Omaha.) Entered: April 9, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 15, 1999, an application was filed by US West Communications of Denver, Colorado, seeking a declaration that competition exists for the exchanges in Omaha. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 17, 1999. Protests for formal intervention were filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Cox Nebraska Telecom, L.L.C., Aliant Midwest Inc. and AT&T.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This application was filed by US West Communications, asking for a declaration that competition exists for the exchanges in Omaha. On April 18, 2000, a pre-hearing conference was held at the Commission to discuss procedures relating to the May 11, 2000, hearing in this docket. Subsequently, an order was entered by the Commission on April 25, 2000, outlining the outcome of this discussion.

On May 2, 2000, a progression order was entered in this docket. Said order outlined further procedures for the May 11, 2000, hearing and found that the Commission should entertain additional staff testimony from its contract staff economist. Also, on May 2, 2000, the Commission entered a protective order for nondisclosure of confidential information provided by the parties in this docket.

On May 4, 2000, Progression Order No. 2 was entered in this docket. This order extended the deadline for pre-filed testimony to be accepted in this docket to May 12, 2000. In addition, the order continued the hearing to be held on May 11, 2000, to June 7, 2000.

On May 10, 2000, the Commission entered an order requesting data related to this docket. This data was ordered to be filed with the Commission no later than May 18, 2000. Finally, on June 7, 2000, the hearing in this docket was canceled.

There has been no activity or action taken in the docket for nearly two years since the time that the hearing in this matter was canceled. As such, the Commission, being duly informed, is of the opinion that this docket should be closed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2156 is hereby, closed.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of April, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director