

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, Application Nos. C-2516/
on its own motion, to investigate) PI-49 and C-2498/PI-47
cost studies to establish Qwest
Corporation's rates for) PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
interconnection, unbundled network) MODIFIED
elements, transport and termina-
tion and resale services.)
The Commission, on its own motion,)
to determine the appropriate price)
for Expanded Interconnection)
Channel Termination (EICT).) Entered: August 3, 2001
PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 2

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 17, 2001, the Commission opened the above-captioned docket to conduct an investigation of cost studies to establish rates for interconnection, unbundled network elements, transport and terminations and resale services for Qwest Corporation. In its April 17, 2001, order, the Commission devised a procedural schedule and set a hearing for unbundled loop element pricing. The Commission then modified the schedule on June 19, 2001, and on July 11, 2001. Upon a re-visit of the Commission calendar and in light of the Commission staff's resources, the Commission finds it appropriate to modify the procedural schedule and timeline once more.

Therefore, the procedural schedule affecting the above-captioned dockets should be modified as follows:

Phase 1: In the hearings **August 8-10, 2001**, the Commission will hear evidence on pricing loop and subloop elements pertaining to intra-building cable and campus wire. On August 8, 2001, the Commission will hold a pre-hearing conference at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. The hearing will commence at 11:00 a.m. or after the conclusion of the pre-hearing conference.

Phase 2: In the hearings scheduled for **September 19-**

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21, 2001, and tentatively September 26, 2001, the Commission will hear evidence regarding recurring charges significant in pricing the following elements:

- Expanded interconnection channel termination, (EICT) and/or interconnection tie pair (ITP)
- entrance facilities
- extension technology
- direct trunked transport
- shared transport
- unbundled dedicated interoffice transport (UDIT)
- line and trunk ports
- local switching

The Commission will accept pre-filed testimony, covering all Phase 2 topics, from all interested parties on or before August 29, 2001. Rebuttal testimony must be filed with the Commission on or before September 6, 2001.

Phase 3: The third set of hearings is tentatively scheduled on the Commission's calendar for **October 15-19, 2001.** To the extent that time permits, the Commission will hear evidence on the following:

- Nonrecurring charges, where applicable, for the elements described in Phase 2 (above)
- Collocation
 - Virtual
 - Caged and Cageless Physical
 - Adjacent
 - Remote and Remote Adjacent
- Signaling
- Transit Traffic; Category 11 Mechanized Record Charge
- Line Sharing

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- DSO UDIT Low Side Channelization
- DS1/DSO Low Side Channelization
- UDIT Rearrangement
- Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF)
 - Single Stand Increments
 - Initial Records Inquiry-Simple Complex
 - Field Verification and Quote Preparation
 - Field Verification
 - Fiber Cross-Connect Per Pair/Office
 - E-UDF Fiber Cross-Connect Per Pair/Office
- Unbundled Customer Controlled Rearrangement

Element

- Local Switching-Vertical Features
- Digital Trunk Ports-Message Trunk Group
- Wholesale Discount Rates

The Commission will accept pre-filed testimony, covering the Phase 3 topics, from all interested parties on or before September 14, 2001. Rebuttal testimony must be filed with the Commission on or before October 1, 2001.

All hearings will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, unless otherwise indicated.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the procedural schedule described herein be, and it is hereby, adopted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3rd day of August, 2001.

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