

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of The Commission,) Application No. C-3026
on its own motion, seeking to)
conduct a 9-month proceeding as) HEARING OFFICER'S ORDER
contemplated by the Federal Com-) ADOPTING THE MULTI-STATE
munications Commission in its) BATCH HOT CUT FORUM
Triennial Review Order adopting) PROPOSAL
new rules for network unbundling)
obligations.) Entered: November 5, 2003

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

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

On October 31, 2003, Qwest Communications, AT&T and WorldCom, Inc. (collectively, the Parties) filed a joint proposal with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) for addressing the batch hot cut requirements of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCCs) Triennial Review Order (Order.)

The parties propose a multi-state forum with participation by both industries - incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) as well as state Commission personnel and other interested persons. Participants may attend the face-to-face meetings or participate via teleconferencing. At this time, the parties propose to conduct the first meeting in Denver, Colorado on December 1 through 3, 2003.

In consideration of the proposal, I agree that a uniform batch hot cut process for all states within the Qwest region provides the most efficient and effective operating environment for both Qwest and the CLECs to reach agreement, to the extent possible, on a batch hot cut process prior to submitting a process to the Nebraska Commission for review and approval.

Therefore, as Hearing Officer in this matter, I hereby endorse the multi-state forum outlined in the parties' October 31, 2003, filing, and adopt the procedural requirements described therein and the schedule set forth in the attached Exhibit A. Furthermore, I strongly encourage interested parties to actively participate in the multi-state forum and that the appropriate notice thereof be issued accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the multi-state forum proposal outlined in the parties' October 31, 2003, filing be adopted, and that the schedule set forth in attached Exhibit A be adopted as set forth therein.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of November, 2003.

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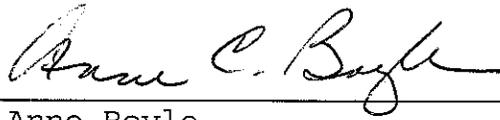
By: 
Anne Boyle
Hearing Officer

EXHIBIT A

ACTIVITY	DUE DATE
Commission Notice to all CLECs within Nebraska regarding batch hot cut forum	November 5, 2003
Qwest submits its batch hot cut proposal which will include a detailed description of the process, including, but not limited to, capacity, Pre-order, Ordering and Provisioning, the proposed cost for the batch hot cut activities, and the intervals.	November 12, 2003
CLECs submit comments/counter proposals to Qwest's batch hot cut proposal	November 18, 2003
Initial Forum - Denver, Colorado	December 1 through 3, 2003
Weekly conference calls on batch hot cut proposal, if useful. Face-to-face meetings as necessary (in Seattle, Washington & Phoenix, Arizona)	December 4, 2003 - January 15, 2004
Simultaneous filing of direct testimony on impasse issues regarding the batch hot cut process and filing of a Stipulation among parties on areas of agreement/consensus items.	January 20, 2004
Simultaneous filing of rebuttal testimony	February 17, 2004
Hearings & Commission Decision	Per Nebraska's procedural order in C-3026

