

P-421/C-89-513; P-421/SA-89-746 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
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In the Matter of Excess  
Construction Charges Imposed by  
US WEST Communications, Inc.

ISSUE DATE: August 21, 1991  
DOCKET NO. P-421/C-89-513;  
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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On July 12, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING PETITION, PROVIDING RELIEF, REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS, AND CLOSING DOCKETS in the above-captioned docket. In that Order the Commission required US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST or the Company) to do three things within 30 days of the issue date of the Order:

1. Recalculate the installation charges for service to the LaJesse residence and refund the difference between any amount the LaJesses had paid on the original assessment and the new assessment, together with accrued interest at the average prime rate;
2. File revised excess construction charge tariffs including certain specific tariff language;
3. Provide the Department of Public Service with the Company's standards for capacity needs and cable size.

On August 6, 1991, the Company filed a request for a 60 day time extension to October 11, 1991, to comply with the requirements of the Commission's July 12 Order. US WEST indicated that implementation of the previous Order required the Company to change its practice and procedure regarding excess construction charges. In addition, the Company stated that the issues are complex and require coordination among various departments within the Company. In comments before the Commission, a representative of the Company said that the time extension would not cause a delay in implementing the refund to the LaJesses.

The Company's request for a time extension came before the Commission for consideration on August 13, 1991.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Commission finds that the Company's request for an extension of time is reasonable and should be granted. The reasons for the request are sound. No party has opposed the extension. Neither the public interest nor any party's interests will be prejudiced by the delay.

The Commission will grant the time extension.

**ORDER**

1. US WEST is granted an extension of time until October 11, 1991, in which to comply with the requirements set out in the Commission's July 12 Order in this docket.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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