

P-421/EM-91-190 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSIONS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
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In the Matter of a Petition to
Restructure Nonrecurring Charges
by Replacing Service Charges
with Product Specific Charges

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 26, 1992, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION PETITION, APPROVING CHANGES IN NONRECURRING CHARGES, REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE, AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS. In that Order the Commission approved several increases and decreases in nonrecurring charges for certain telephone features and services. The Commission ordered US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST) and the Department of Public Service (the Department) to develop a methodology for determining whether or not the changes in nonrecurring charges would leave US WEST revenue neutral. The March 26, 1992 Order required the Department and US WEST to file a proposed procedure and format for the methodology by November 7, 1992.

On November 9, 1992, US WEST and the Department informed the Commission that a revenue tracking methodology had not yet been developed. Both parties indicated that they were working well together and that substantial progress had been made. Both agreed that further time would be necessary to develop a proper methodology; they therefore requested a time extension from the Commission.

The matter came before the Commission on November 24, 1992.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the requests for a time extension are reasonable and should be granted. The parties have demonstrated that they are working in good faith towards the development of a methodology for determining revenue neutrality. An additional 60 days should enable the parties to produce a sound and workable methodology. The Commission will grant the parties a time extension until January 7, 1993.

ORDER

1. US WEST and the Department are granted a time extension until January 7, 1993 in which to file their proposed methodology for determining revenue neutrality. If the parties are unable to file a final proposal by January 7, 1993, they shall file on that date a proposed schedule for the completion of the methodology.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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