

P-3007/GR-93-1 ORDER GRANTING PARTY STATUS

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation for Authority to Increase Its Rates for Telephone Service in the State of Minnesota	ISSUE DATE: August 27, 1993
	DOCKET NO. P-3007/GR-93-1
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 22, 1993, the Minnesota Independent Equal Access Corporation (MIEAC) filed a petition seeking a general rate increase of 25.8 percent.

On May 11, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER ACCEPTING FILING AND SUSPENDING RATES. In that Order the Commission adopted a modified rate case procedure proposed by MIEAC. Rather than sending the matter directly to contested case hearing, the Commission established a schedule of party filings, with the opportunity for the parties to reach an eventual settlement. Any issues remaining unsettled could be referred for contested case proceedings or in some cases could be decided by the Commission without being referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

At Order Paragraph No. 3 of the May 11 Order, the Commission established a method for determining parties to the MIEAC rate case proceeding:

Upon request filed with the Commission, any party that actively and fully participated in MIEAC's initial application [Docket No. P-3007/NA-89-76] shall have status as a party in this proceeding. Parties eligible for party status upon request are: the Department, the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG), AT&T, USWC, and MCI/Teleconnect. Any other party shall meet the customary standards for intervention.

On July 22, 1993, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING PARTY STATUS. In that Order the Commission granted the requests for party status submitted by the Department of Public Service and MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI/Teleconnect).

On July 20, 1993, US WEST Communications, Inc. (US WEST) filed a request for party status in this proceeding.

The Commission met to consider this matter on August 10, 1993.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

US WEST was an active participant in MIEAC's initial application, Docket No. P-3007/NA-89-76. US WEST has properly submitted its request for party status, and is thus eligible for party status under the terms of the Commission's May 11, 1993 Order. The Commission will name US WEST as a party to the MIEAC rate case proceedings herein.

ORDER

1. US WEST Communications, Inc. is granted party status in the MIEAC rate case proceedings.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Susan Mackenzie
Acting Executive Secretary

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