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ORDER APPROVING LIDB PROPOSAL, AS REVISED

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of US WEST Communications,  
Inc.'s Introduction of Line Information Data Base  
(LIDB) Listing for Centron Service

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On December 23, 1997, US WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC) filed a non-recurring charge for entering resellers' endusers' names and their telephone numbers other than the primary telephone number in the Line Information Data Base (LIDB).

On January 27, 1998, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a letter indicating that the non-recurring charge for LIDB was appropriate.

On January 13, 1998, the Commission issued a Notice extending the initial comment period to February 12, 1998 and to February 23, 1998 for reply comments.

On February 12, 1998, Frontier Telemanagement, Inc. (Frontier) and McLeodUSA (McLeod) filed comments opposing the proposed non-recurring charge for LIDB listing.

On February 23, 1998, the Department filed comments explaining that it had now ascertained that there is no basis for USWC to charge resellers for inclusion of non-primary listings in LIDB.

Subsequent to the Department's comments, the parties met with the Department to discuss USWC's application.

On April 17, 1998, USWC filed a revised price list (tariff) page.

On April 22, 1998, Frontier filed a letter withdrawing its objections to the LIDB filing, as revised.

On April 24, 1998, the Department filed a letter stating that USWC's revised filing fully captured the consensus of the parties' concerns. The Department recommended that the Commission approve the introduction of the LIDB charge and close the docket.

The Commission met on May 19, 1998 to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

USWC initially proposed a tariff to charge a \$3.50 non-recurring charge per station line equipped with Line Identification Data Base (LIDB).

Frontier and McLeod objected to USWC's proposal, arguing that there is no basis for a separate charge by USWC since the cost is already included in the nonrecurring charges related to service installation. The Department supported the companies' objections.

Following discussions between the parties, including the Department, USWC has revised its proposed tariff, removing the initial installation charge and instead imposing the \$3.50 nonrecurring charge only on subsequent changes to the listing. The Department has advised that USWC's revision satisfies the concerns of all parties. The Department recommended that the Commission approve the introduction of the LIDB charge, as revised, and close the docket.

No party has objected to USWC's revised proposal and the Commission finds that it is reasonable. Accordingly, the Commission will approve USWC's proposal as revised April 17, 1998.

### **ORDER**

1. US WEST Communications, Inc.'s proposal regarding LIDB listing for Centron Service, as revised April 17, 1998, is approved.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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