

Service Date: October 7, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application Of)
MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE AND) UTILITY DIVISION
TELEGRAPH (U S West Communications))
for Authority To Incorporate An 800) DOCKET NO. 88.9.33
Service Circuit Termination On A)
Centron 6 Or 30 Service.) ORDER NO. 5364
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INTERIM ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 16, 1988, U. S. West Communications (USWC) filed with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for authority to incorporate 800 service circuit termination on a Centron 6 or 30 service.

2. As originally filed, this new service arrangement will allow a customer to terminate an InWATS or 800 service line on a Centron 6 or 30 system. The addition of this service will not detract from the current 800, InWATS, or Centron services provided under the current USWC Montana Tariff, with the exception of the ability to use the the 800 circuit with the intercom feature. Furthermore, transmission performance cannot be guaranteed by USWC in the event that an incoming 800 service call is transferred to a

remote location (Note 1, Page 70.10, Release: 2, Section A9, MSTT Montana Tariff).

3. The price structure for this service has been set at \$10.00 per installation and \$2.00 per month for the duration of the service.

4. The Commission approves this filing on an interim basis pending final the outcome of the current USWC general rate case, 88.1.2. Furthermore, the Commission approves consolidation of this filing into docket 88.1.2.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Applicant, U S West Communications, is a public utility offering regulated telecommunications service in Montana. MCA 69-3-101, 69-3-803(3).

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

3. The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases or decreases pending a hearing or final decision. MCA 69-3-304.

ORDER

THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HEREBY ORDERS:

1. The Commission approves, on an interim basis, U S West's Centron (In WATS or 800) service filing as submitted on June 16, 1988.

2. This filing is hereby incorporated and consolidated into the current U S West general rate case, Docket No. 88.1.2.

3. U S West is hereby required to file supplementary testimony including cost data for these new services by November 1, 1988.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 30th day of September, 1988, by a 5 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol A. Frasier
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.