

Service Date: December 17, 1991

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	)	UTILITY DIVISION
of US West Communications for	)	
Approval of an Alternative Form	)	DOCKET NO. 90.12.86
of Regulation.	)	ORDER NO. 5535d

AMENDMENT TO PROCEDURAL ORDER

On March 29, 1991 the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) issued the Procedural Order for the above captioned docket. Order No. 5535a. On July 15, 1991 the Commission served a Notice of Commission Action (no order number assigned) amending the Procedural schedule herein, following consideration of a Motion for Amendment filed by U.S. West Communications (USWC).

On November 14, 1991 USWC filed a "Motion for Reconsideration of Procedural Order" seeking additional amendments to the procedural schedule herein.

On November 18, 1991 at a duly noticed work session, the Commission suspended the November 22, 1991 deadline for the filing of testimony by USWC on new issues (see PSC Order No. 5535c) until the Commission could more fully consider USWC's motion at a later date.

On November 25, 1991 the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) filed a Response to USWC's motion, regarding the hearing date and certain new information in USWC's rebuttal testimony.

On November 26, 1991 at a duly noticed work session the Commission voted to amend the Procedural Schedule herein as specified below.

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the remaining procedural schedule in Docket No. 90.12.86 shall be as follows (Paragraph 3 of the procedural schedule in PSC Order No. 5535a is amended accordingly):

Schedule

- (a) December 20, 1991: Final day for service of answers to rebuttal testimony discovery served by November 22, 1991.
- (b) January 15, 1992: Final day for service of USWC prefiled testimony on new issues identified in PSC Order No. 5535c.
- (c) January 31, 1992: Final day for written discovery on new issues directed to all parties.
- (d) February 14, 1992: Final day for service of answers by all parties to discovery on new issues pursuant to (c).
- (e) February 28, 1992: Final day for service of intervenor testimony on new issues.
- (f) March 13, 1992: Final day for written discovery directed to all parties that filed intervenor testimony pursuant to (e).

- (g) March 27, 1992: Final day for service of answers by all parties to discovery made pursuant to (f).
- (h) April 3, 1992: Final day for responsive testimony by USWC and intervenors to intervenor testimony filed pursuant to (e).
- (i) April 7, 1992: The Commission intends to invite a broad range of organizations and companies to participate in the portion of these hearings which will be set aside to address the telecommunications modernization issues raised in this docket. Those invited participants should file with the Commission a "Notice of Intent to Testify on Modernization" and a summary of their positions on or before this date.
- (j) April 14, 1992: Opening day of hearing.  
The modernization issues should be addressed by the parties during the first week of the hearing (possibly on the first day). The exact sequence of witnesses will be determined at a later date following a Prehearing Conference or other procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that since some of the information submitted in USWC's rebuttal testimony was not actually rebuttal in nature (e.g. Mr. Kim's testimony regarding deregulated product investment), MCC may address those additional matters during the course of the remaining schedule (e.g. MCC may address those matters in its testimony due on February 28, 1992).

Except as specifically provided above, all provisions and requirements of the original Procedural Order in this Docket (Order No. 5535a) remain in full force and effect.

DONE AND DATED THIS 9th day of December, 1991 by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

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DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

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WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck  
Commission Secretary

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