

Service Date: February 26, 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 U.S. West Communications for)	
Forbearance of Regulation Re:)	DOCKET NO. 91.2.1
Montana Deaconess Medical Center,)	
Great Falls, Montana.)	ORDER NO. 5540

ORDER DEFERRING ACTION

FINDINGS OF FACT

On February 14, 1991 U.S. West Communications (USWC) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting forbearance of rate regulation for intraLATA toll service to Montana Deaconess Medical Center, Great Falls, Montana, pursuant to § 69-3-808, MCA.

A worksession on this matter will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 1991, in the PSC Conference Room, 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena Montana.

The 10 day period permitted by statute, for Commission action on such an application, would expire on February 25, 1991 unless action is deferred as provided by § 69-3-808(3), MCA.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. USWC offers regulated telecommunications services in the state of Montana and is a public utility pursuant to, § 69-3-101, MCA. The Commission has authority to supervise, regulate and control public utilities. § 69-3-102, MCA.

2. The PSC shall defer action on USWC's application for forbearance for an additional five day period, as provided in § 69-3-808(3), MCA.

ORDER

1. PSC action on USWC's application for forbearance is hereby deferred for an additional five day period, until March 2, 1991.

2. The PSC intends to take action on this matter on or before said date.

Done and Dated this 25th day of February, 1991 by a vote of 5 - 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Chairman

DANNY OBERG, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

WALLACE W. "WALLY" MERCER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Peck
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 ARM 38.2.4806.