

Service Date: March 8, 1999

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 )	UTILITY DIVISION
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., to )	
Restructure its Prices for Regulated )	DOCKET NO. D96.12.220
Telecommunications Service. )	ORDER NO. 5965e

FINAL ORDER ON SETTLEMENT OF JUDICIAL REVIEW

On January 22, 1999, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued an interim order (Order No. 5965d) approving settlement of pending judicial review pertaining to certain aspects (primarily related to public access line rates) of the PSC's September 2, 1998, final order (Order No. 5965c) in the above-entitled matter. The settlement agreement, accompanied by related tariff amendments, was reached between Northwest Payphone Association (NWPA) and U S West Communications, Inc. (USWC), who, along with the PSC, are the only parties of record in the judicial review proceeding.

On January 22, 1999 the PSC also issued a notice allowing interested persons an opportunity for hearing and a period for comment on the settlement agreement. No comments have been received by the PSC. No other matters pertaining to the settlement agreement having been raised. The PSC hereby approves the settlement agreement and accompanying tariffs on a final basis, adopting the interim order (Order No. 5965d) as the final order in this matter.

Done and dated this 2nd day of March, 1999, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DAVE FISHER, Chair

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NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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GARY FELAND, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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