

Service Date: January 5, 2000

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

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IN THE MATTER OF MID-RIVERS	)	
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.,	)	UTILITY DIVISION
TRIANGLE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	)	
ASSOCIATION, and PROJECT TELEPHONE	)	DOCKET NO. D99.5.129
COMPANY, Application for Telephone EAS	)	
between Certain Identified Exchanges and the	)	ORDER NO. 6220
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	)	
Billings Exchange or Billings EAS Region	)	

IN THE MATTER OF 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE	)	UTILITY DIVISION
COOPERATIVE, INC., Application for Telephone	)	
EAS between Certain Identified Exchanges and	)	DOCKET NO. D99.7.172
the U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	)	
Great Falls Exchange or Great Falls EAS Region	)	ORDER NO. 6221

ORDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

The above-entitled proceedings pertain to telephone extended area service (EAS) involving more than one telephone company. It appears that each company's complete development of the cost analyses and rate design proposals required in the proceedings might require certain information that the other companies maintain as confidential information (e.g., number of access lines, minutes of use, costs). It also appears that each company is willing to provide the information if certain PSC actions are first taken to preserve the confidential nature of the information and previous efforts to maintain the information as confidential.

One PSC action required is an order compelling the release of the information requested. The PSC hereby orders that information requested by a company involved in the above-entitled proceedings, if the information is reasonably necessary to the complete development of the cost analyses or rate design proposals of the requesting company (e.g., information pertaining to number of access lines, minutes of use, and costs) must be provided by the company to which the

request is made within a reasonable time of the request. If the information requested is maintained as confidential information by the company to which the request is made the information must be obtained and maintained at all times by the requesting company in accordance with a protective order issued by the PSC.

The other PSC action required is an order governing access to and maintenance of the information under terms and conditions that preserve the confidential nature of the information (i.e., a protective order). A protective order will be issued separately.

Done and dated this 14th day of December, 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.