

ORDER NO. 02-565

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 773

In the Matter of U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s UM 351)
Cost Study Summaries.)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED

On July 29, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition asking the Commission to extend the date for filing a statement of nonrecurring charges for six elements: Dark Fiber NAC; Network Interface Device; Distributing Frame Termination-Optical; Intra-Premises Riser Cable; Transport Facilities-Dark Fiber, per route mile; and Transport Termination-Fiber Optic. Qwest asks that the time for such filing be extended to 60 days after the Commission has issued a final decision in docket UT 138.

In Order No. 02-355, we directed that Qwest file a statement containing definitions, recurring charges, and some non-recurring charges within 90 days of the issuance of the order. In its petition, Qwest asks that the filing deadline for the six non-recurring charges set out above be delayed because "determining the costs for the Elements depends upon the resolution of disputed issues in Docket UT 138." It would be more efficient, Qwest argues, to resolve those issues first in UT 138 than to debate them in two different proceedings at the same time. Qwest also avers that this delay would not prejudice any party because these elements are not in demand by any competitive carrier and, if they were, the carrier could purchase equivalent services under Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms.

COMMISSION DISPOSITION

No other party to the proceeding has objected. We believe that it would be more efficient to delay the filing of non-recurring charges for the six elements noted above than to require them to be filed while issues relating to those charges are being decided in another docket. Qwest's petition is granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the petition of Qwest Corporation for an extension of the filing deadline for a statement of the non-recurring charges for six elements as set out in this order is granted. That statement will be due 60 days after the Commission issues a final order in Docket UT 138, Phase III.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.