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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 823

In the Matter of the Investigation into the Entry)
of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
into In-Region InterLATA Services under)
Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act)
of 1996.)

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: CLARIFICATION ORDER MODIFYING
PREAPPLICATION PROCEDURES ADOPTED**

On May 5, 2000, we issued Order No. 00-243 in this docket, adopting a series of procedures reflecting the unique nature of this proceeding. Among the procedures set forth in Appendix A to our order was the following:

2. Administration of Proceedings. The conduct of the workshops and preparation of Workshop Findings and Recommendation Reports shall be by a committee (Committee). The Committee shall be chaired by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) designated to preside over the proceedings and shall include members of the Commission staff (Staff) designated by the ALJ. The rules regarding *ex parte* communications shall, in this docket, apply to the Commissioners, ALJ and members of the Staff designated as members of the Committee described above.

In our order, the Committee, identified in paragraph 2. above, was given particular duties with respect to the presentation of information to the Commission and the overall conduct of these proceedings. Upon further review, the Commission is of the opinion that the efficient administration of this docket necessitates that our authority be delegated solely to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) designated by the Commission to preside in this matter. In so doing, we vest in the ALJ all of the authority and responsibilities assigned to the Committee in the Appendix to Order No. 00-243 and authorize the ALJ to designate those persons, in addition to ourselves, who shall be governed by the *ex parte* rules.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Commission's Order No. 00-243, adopted May 5, 2000, and Appendix A, thereto, are hereby MODIFIED to the extent noted above.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
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.