

ORDER NO. 00-545

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 930

In the Matter of the Investigation into the)	
Construction Budgets of U S WEST)	ORDER
Communications, Inc.)	

DISPOSITION: DOCKET CLOSED

At its September 12, 2000, regular public meeting, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) approved a recommendation by its Staff to close this docket. The Staff recommendation is attached to this order as an Appendix and is incorporated by reference herein.

This investigation was initiated in early 1999 after the Commission became aware of problems with the quality and availability of service provided by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (USWC), now Qwest Corporation (Qwest). In response to those concerns, the Commission conducted a number of public meetings in communities throughout Oregon. As a result of those meetings and the investigation of various service complaints, Staff determined that service problems were caused in part by the deferral or cancellation of construction projects which had been included in USWC's construction budgets.

In view of the change in management at Qwest and the general service quality trend, there appears to be no compelling reason to continue this docket. At the same time, it is important for the Commission to be able to continue monitoring Qwest's construction activities. We therefore adopt Staff's recommendation that Qwest's annual construction budget filing include a list of deviations from the previous year's construction budget.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Docket UM 930 is closed.
2. Henceforth each annual construction budget submitted by Qwest Corporation shall include a list of deviations from the construction budget submitted by the company the prior year.

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 ORS 756.580.