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RE: Long Term Number Portability Tariff Filings of U S WEST Communications,
Transmittal Nos. 965 and 975, CC Docket No. 99-35 ✓

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 25, 1999, Jim Hannon, Marilyn Overton-Hall, and the undersigned, on behalf of U S WEST, spoke via teleconferencing bridge with Josephine Simmons of the Competitive Pricing Division. The attachment to this letter documents U S WEST's responses during this conference call to Ms. Simmons' inquiries concerning changes to certain U S WEST systems that were necessary for long term number portability.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter and attachment are being filed with your office for inclusion in the public record.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this submission are requested. A duplicate of this letter is attached for this purpose.

Please call if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Elridge Stafford /dc

Attachment

Copy: Ms. Josephine Simmons

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U S WEST Response to FCC on June 25, 1999 Conference Call

1. Explain the functions behind the "Bellcore System Estimate Cost" and "Internal System Estimate Cost."

Switches are based on seven digit numbers today. With number portability, it is likely that when a number is ported into a switch it may have a different NPA and the same NXX as a number residing in the switch. For example: A switch has 303-707-1111 residing in it today. A number of 720-707-111 is ported in from another provider. Changes must be made to accommodate this situation in the switch and Operating Support Systems to correctly support this function. The estimated costs for Telcordia (formerly Bellcore) is \$3,000,000 and the costs for internal systems changes are estimated at \$2,000,000.

2. Differentiate between PM, Testing, Support, small systems development, Consultant costs, and Other costs.

PM, Testing, Support, small systems development are costs incurred by internal US WEST resources. Consultant costs are the costs associated with leased workers brought into US WEST to work on additional LNP functionality. Other costs are the out of pocket expenses associated with supporting the LNP effort.

3. Why are there some recoverable costs identified for APRIL and some Non-recoverable costs for APRIL?

The recoverable costs associated with APRIL are specific to LNP. APRIL sets the LSA triggers in the switches and deals with LNP service orders. The non-recoverable costs are associated with port within activity for a number. The non-recoverable costs benefit other areas of US WEST and are not considered by U S WEST to be recoverable.

4. What are the LNP features associated with the Codetalker system?

Codetalker required modifications to provide LNP capability information to the Service Negotiator for a port in number when a port in customer requests ISDN, Centrex Prime, and MegaBit services are requested.

5. What were the modifications required for ROMS?

ROMS is a front end system that distributes information to the Service Order Processors. It requires modifications to support LNP field identifiers.

6. What is the difference between NIA Replacement and Telcordia Systems (ALOC/CNUM, SWITCH, SOAC)?

NIA is a systems that provides LNP information on a service negotiators desktop. The service negotiator must pull up NIA evaluate whether a number can be ported based on the information provided and enter information into the Service Order Processor system. NIA will be replaced by automating the capability in the ALOC/CNUM system eliminating costly errors and time of the manual function.

The other changes required for ALOC/CNUM, SWITCH, and SOAC are to provide the ability to port a number more than once. For example: If a number is ported to another provider, the OS systems support this function. However, if the number is to be ported back to US WEST, the OS systems cannot support the port back without additional enhancements by Telcordia.