BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Element, Transport and Termination, and Resale ) DOCKET NO. UT-960369
In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements, Transport and Termination, and Resale for ) DOCKET NO. UT-960370
DOCKET NO. UT-960371
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ) TWENTY-EIGHTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
ORDER GRANTING STAY;
In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements, Transport and Termination, and Resale for ) CALL FOR ANSWERS TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION; NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON FILINGS
GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED )

1 Procedural history. The Commission entered its twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh orders in these dockets on September 1, 2000. The twenty-sixth order authorized and required the filing or refiling of certain tariffs setting wholesale rates for certain unbundled network elements. The twenty-seventh required GTE and U S WEST to file wholesale rates for unbundled loops, and it constituted a final order for the dockets, incorporating the results of prior orders.

2 GTE and U S WEST filed rates in response to the orders.

3 On September 11, 2000, Nextlink, et al., jointly called the CLECs in this order, filed a petition for reconsideration of the loop rates and asked that the twenty-seventh order be stayed as to the loop rate. The CLECs contend error in the Commission’s determination of the loop rate and argue that they are unable to replicate the cost determinations.

4 Call for answers. Parties who wish to answer the petition for reconsideration may do so. Answers are due in the Commission offices no later than October 11, 2000. Replies, if any, are due no later than October 18, 2000.

5 Call for comments on other filings. In addition, the Commission invites the parties to comment on other aspects of the ILEC filings. Comments should be filed no later than October 11, 2000. Answers, if any, are due no later than October 18, 2000.
Order of Stay. The Commission stays the effect of its Twenty-Seventh order until the Commission enters an order on the petition for reconsideration.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this day of September, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

WILLIAM R. GILLIS, Commissioner