

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. INU-99-3
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

(Issued October 5, 1999)

On September 1, 1999, South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (South Slope), filed a motion requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) establish a briefing schedule in this docket. The Board finds that its deliberations in this proceeding may be assisted by briefs from the participants, setting forth any legal arguments they may have. Accordingly, the Board will establish a briefing schedule as requested.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The following briefing schedule is established for this proceeding:

- a. On or before October 26, 1999, any person who filed a written statement of position or participated in the oral presentation in this docket may file an original and ten copies of an initial brief in a form substantially complying with IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-7.7(12) (1999). One copy of the brief should be served on each other person who filed a written statement of position or participated in the oral presentation.

b. On or before November 12, 1999, any person who filed an initial brief may file and serve a reply brief.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.