

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND QWEST INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-27
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SECOND ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(Issued January 14, 2000)

On September 20, 1999, Qwest Communications Corp., LCI International Telecom Corp., USLD Communications Inc., and Phoenix Network Inc. (collectively "Qwest"), and U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Joint Application" for an order approving the proposed merger of Qwest Inc. and U S WEST, Inc. (collectively, the "Applicants"), pursuant to IOWA CODE §§ 476.76 and 476.77 (1999). The filing has been identified as Docket No. SPU-99-27.

The Board has already asked one round of questions of the Applicants. Having reviewed the Applicants' responses to those questions, and the direct and rebuttal testimony pre-filed by the parties to this proceeding, the Board has seven additional questions. It is possible that some of these questions could wait until the hearing in this docket, but some of them require relatively detailed responses or copies of documents, making a written response more appropriate. Accordingly, the Board will direct Applicants to answer all of the questions on the attached document, identified as Attachment B and incorporated herein by this reference, within ten days

of the date of this order. If the Applicants are unable to respond to some of the questions in that time frame, they should file a detailed request for extension of time, applying only to those questions that cannot be answered within ten days, and explaining why that is so.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Applicants are directed to answer the questions set forth in the attached document, identified as Attachment B, within ten days of the date of this order. Answers should be submitted in the form of sworn testimony and exhibits.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

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

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of January, 2000.

**ATTACHMENT B
TO
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Additional Information to be provided:

1. Please provide three copies of each of the following for U S West Communications, Inc: 1998 Form 10-K and September 1999 Form 10-Q.
2. In the US West - Supplemental Direct Testimony of Peter C. Cummings filed 11/19/99 on page 15, of the confidential detail which is identified as PCC-1 Merger Synergies, a reference is made to 25 cities. Please provide a listing of these cities and states.
3. U S West provides service in several Iowa exchanges using analog central office switches and remotes. What schedule has U S West developed to replace these units with digital facilities? Please provide a schedule with the estimated costs.
4. Has U S West developed any capital budget plans for Iowa? If so, please provide a listing of the projects identified, the cost for each such project, and the anticipated timing for each such project.
5. Review of the monthly summaries on customer trouble reports (from Confidential Exhibit ___ (MAP-5)) revealed that U S West exceeded the standard in the Board's rules for troubles per hundred four or more times in approximately 25 Iowa exchanges in the January 1998 to September 1999 time period (excluding exchanges that are currently subject to sale). Please provide a summary of proposed action, including planned or required investments and the timing of any projects needed to decrease the level of service problems to meet the requirements of the Board's rules.
6. What Iowa-specific plan has U S West developed to improve the performance on restoration of service for those customers reporting out-of-service trouble?
7. Please provide a listing of all central office locations in Iowa that are currently equipped to provide xDSL type services. Also, please provide any known schedule or plans to install xDSL in Iowa exchanges that are not currently equipped to provide the service.