

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC, n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. RPU-00-3 (TF-00-160)</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW TARIFF
AND TERMINATE DOCKET**

(Issued August 30, 2000)

On June 28, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) certain tariff pages proposing text changes to the "General" section of U S WEST's Exchange and Network Services tariff. U S WEST proposed to include the following language relating to construction charges in its tariff:

The Company, at the customer's request, may modify similarly situated customers' obligations pertaining to support structures which include, but are not limited to pipes, conduits, poles, trenches and backboards for the placement of telephone facilities in housing developments, commercial properties and business developments where an alternative facilities based service provider is available.

On July 20, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an objection to U S WEST proposed tariff revision. Consumer Advocate argued the proposed tariff is contrary to both law and public policy and should be rejected.

On July 28, 2000, the Board suspended the tariff and docketed it for investigation, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6 and the terms and provisions of U S WEST price regulation plan. The Board found that Consumer Advocate had raised a number of legal issues with respect to the tariff, but it did not appear any material issues of fact had been alleged that would require a hearing. Thus, the Board established a briefing schedule but did not schedule a hearing.

On August 21, 2000, Qwest filed a motion with the Board to withdraw TF-00-160 and to terminate this docket. Qwest states that it disagrees with Consumer Advocate's arguments, but in a spirit of cooperation and good faith, Qwest is willing to withdraw the tariff, terminate this docket, and work with Consumer Advocate in an attempt to resolve Consumer Advocate's concerns.

The Board will grant the motion to withdraw the proposed tariff and terminate this docket. The Board believes it is in the public interest to give Qwest and Consumer Advocate this opportunity to focus their efforts on negotiations regarding revised proposed tariff language that accomplishes the aims of Qwest without implicating the concerns identified by Consumer Advocate.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Motion To Withdraw Tariff Filing And Terminate Proceeding" filed in this docket by U S WEST Communications Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation on August 21, 2000, is granted. Tariff filing TF-00-160 is withdrawn by Qwest and Docket No. RPU-00-3 is terminated.