

Decision No. C03-0372

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 00I-493T

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO MODIFICATION OF COMMISSION
TARIFF PRACTICES AND POLICIES FOR REGULATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS
PROVIDERS.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
CLOSE DOCKET AND CLOSING DOCKET**

Mailed Date: April 10, 2003

Adopted Date: April 9, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Through Decision No. C00-959, issued on August 30, 2000, we opened this docket for the purpose of identifying alternatives to current tariff practices of this Commission. The investigation was initially set to examine all aspects of tariffs, including, as a limiting case, abolition thereof. The parties have filed various comments regarding issues in this case.

2. On January 27, 2003, some of the parties to this docket¹ filed their Joint Motion to Close Docket and Waive Response Time. The motion sought relief from filing dates established in Decision No. C02-1347, issued on December 3, 2002. The motion requested that the Commission, without allowing any response time to the motion, immediately close this docket. The motion noted that comments were due in this case on January 31, 2003. As grounds for

¹ The Joint Motion to Close Docket and Waive Response Time was filed by Qwest Corporation, Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel, TCG Colorado, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., and WorldCom, Inc.

closure, those parties cited Commission plans to examine tariff issues in subsequent rulemaking dockets.

3. The Commission did not waive response time to the motion, but we did vacate the January 31, 2003 date for filing of comments in this matter (*see* Decision No. C03-0118, issued on January 30, 2003). The portion of the motion which sought to close this docket is pending.

4. No responses to the motion to close this docket, have been filed.

5. The Commission is in the process of reevaluating its rules. While there are many possible outcomes from this exercise, some overhaul of the rules is likely. Furthermore, it is likely that the future rulemaking proceedings will consider revision of tariff practices before the Commission. Therefore, the issues in this docket will likely be considered in the upcoming rulemaking dockets.

6. Given the Commission's planned rulemaking activities in the future, it is unnecessary to proceed with this case. Therefore, this docket will be closed. The portion of the Joint Motion seeking to close this docket will be granted.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Joint Motion to Close Docket is granted. The request to waive response time to the motion is denied as moot.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 9, 2003.**

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