

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 00I-494T

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO MODIFICATION OF COMMISSION
PRACTICES AND POLICIES REGARDING INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION.

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

Mailed Date: April 10, 2003

Adopted Date: April 9, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Through Commission Order No. C00-960, issued on August 30, 2000, the Commission opened this docket for the purpose of identification of alternatives to current practices of intercarrier compensation. The investigation initially set to examine all facets of intercarrier compensation. Later, the issues in the docket were narrowed to access charge reform.

2. On September 9, 2002, the Joint Commenters filed Supplemental Comments, which stated, in pertinent part:

Further, the Joint Commenters offer their commitment to file with the Commission in the next few weeks their proposal for how intrastate, switched access rates should be restructured and redesigned in the near future.

The Joint Commenters filed an application to restructure intrastate access charges which the Commission considered in Docket No. 02A-538T. The essence of that application was to lower switched access charges for the telephone industry in the state and offset the resulting lower revenues by implementation of an intrastate subscriber line charge. The Commission has now

issued its final order dismissing the application. See Decision No. C03-0292 (Mailed Date of March 21, 2003).

3. Prior Commission decisions in this case narrowed consideration of issues in this docket to access charge reform. The one substantive proposal regarding restructure of access charges made by the parties to this docket was fully considered by the Commission in Docket No. 02A-538T.

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~~5.4.~~ In Docket No. 02A-538T, the Commission ruled that it lacked statutory authority to approve an intrastate subscriber line charge for residential basic local exchange customers. Therefore, the one formal proposal flowing from this docket has now been considered by the Commission in a separate proceeding. No other substantive issues raised by any party to this case remain to be investigated in the present docket. Therefore, it is unnecessary to keep the present docket open for further action.

~~6.5.~~ Consequently, the Commission will close this docket.¹

II. ORDER

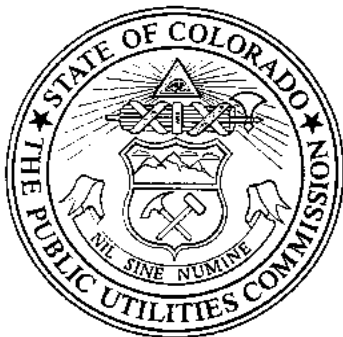
A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Consistent with the discussion above, this docket is closed.
2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

¹ The closing of this docket does not preclude parties or the Commission from considering access charge reform through a mechanism different from the subscriber line charge proposed in Docket No. 02A-538T.

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

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