

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-496T

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE LOCAL CALLING
AREA IN NORTHERN COLORADO.

**DECISION NAMING QWEST AND NUNN TELEPHONE AS
INDESPENSIBLE PARTIES AND ORDERING THE
PARTIES TO PERFORM CERTAIN ANALYSES**

Mailed Date: December 3, 2003
Adopted Date: November 26, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has before it a joint application made on November 14, 2003, requesting the expansion of local calling areas in northern Colorado.

2. The application was submitted with letters of support intended as signatures from the following parties: the majority of County Commissioners from both Larimer and Weld Counties; mayors of Loveland, Windsor, Ft. Collins, Timnath, La Salle, Kersey, Mead, Nunn, Evans, Estes Park, and Milliken; and letters from various Chambers of Commerce and city administrators.

3. The exchanges that would be affected by the proposed local calling area expansion are: Berthoud, Eaton-Ault, Estes Park, Ft. Collins, Gilcrest, Greeley, Johnstown-Milliken, LaSalle, Loveland, Mead, Platteville, Windsor, and Nunn Telephone Company (Nunn Telephone).

4. The Commission noticed the application on November 19, 2003 to all local exchange providers, resellers, long distance providers, and petitioning parties.

5. Both Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Nunn Telephone provide service in and between the exchange areas being considered for the expanded local calling area, and should be named as indispensable parties in this docket.

6. Pursuant to Commission rules which govern local calling area expansion, specifically Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-2-17.3.2.1, when a petition is received by the Commission under Rule 17.3.2, any provider furnishing long distance service between the exchange areas, and any provider furnishing switched access in the exchange areas being considered for inclusion in the expanded local calling area, are to perform all necessary analyses to quantify the calling volumes per customer as set forth in Rule 17.3.3.1.

7. Pursuant to the Commission Rule 4 CCR 723-2-17.3.5, any provider furnishing service in and between the exchange areas being considered for inclusion in the local calling area is to perform all necessary revenue and cost analyses to quantify the rate increment per customer (Cost Study). The Cost Study is to be completed by the providers and submitted to Staff of the Commission within 30 days of Commission notification.

8. The Commission finds that Qwest and Nunn Telephone are indispensable parties in this docket.

9. The Commission finds that a call volume analysis and Cost Study should be performed by both Qwest and Nunn Telephone. Information should be supplied for each proposed local calling area expansion and should include information from the smaller exchange to the larger exchange and vice versa.

10. Following the completion of the call volume analyses and Cost Studies, further procedural orders of the Commission will be issued.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Both Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Nunn Telephone are named as indispensable parties in this docket.

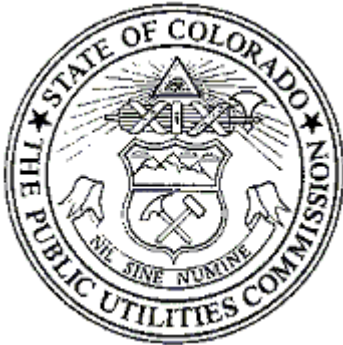
2. Both Qwest and Nunn Telephone shall perform all necessary analyses to quantify the calling volumes per customer as set forth in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-2-17.3.3.1.

3. Both Qwest and Nunn Telephone are to perform all necessary revenue and cost analyses (Cost Study) in accordance with 4 CCR 723-2-17.3.5 in order to quantify the rate increment per customer for expanded local calling. The Cost Study is to be completed by the providers and submitted to Staff of the Commission within 30 days of notification by the Commission.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 26, 2003.**

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