Pursuant to the Commission’s Procedural Order dated July 24, 2000, Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc., submits the following response to the comments of Staff, AT&T and MCI regarding the impact of the July 18, 2000 Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision No. 96-3321 in Iowa Utilities Board, et al. v. Federal Communications Commission, on the issues and timeframes to be addressed in the next phases of this proceeding.

The Commission’s July 24, 2000 procedural order requested comments regarding recommended changes in issues or timeframes in this docket as a result of the Eighth Circuit Decision. Commission Staff, AT&T and MCI filed comments on August 4, 2000 in which they each argued that no changes in the scope of issues or timeframes to be addressed in the next phase of this proceeding were required by the Eighth Circuit Decision. On this point, Qwest agrees. Accordingly, Qwest stands by its prior
comments regarding the appropriate scope and sequencing of the next phases of this proceeding.

In addition to discussing whether the Eighth Circuit Decision impacts the issues to be addressed or timeframes, AT&T commented extensively on the meaning and legal effect of the Eighth Circuit Decision. Since AT&T's comments do not discuss what issues and timeframes should be addressed in the next phase, Qwest will not respond to AT&T's comments regarding the meaning and legal effect of the Eighth Circuit Decision at this time. However, Qwest reserves the right to respond to AT&T's contentions at the appropriate time in the next phases of this proceeding.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of August, 2000.

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