DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO:COMMISSIONER NELSON

COMMISSIONER SMITH

COMMISSIONER HANSEN

MYRNA WALTERS

TONYA CLARK

DON HOWELL

STEPHANIE MILLER

DAVE SCHUNKE

JOE CUSICK

DAVID SCOTT

WORKING FILE

FROM:WELDON STUTZMAN

DATE:MARCH 24, 1997

RE:APPLICATIONS OF U S WEST FOR APPROVAL OF WIRELESS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS; CASE NOS. USW-T-97-8 AND USW-T-97-10

The Commission has received two separate Applications from U S WEST for approval of wireless interconnection agreements.  The first Application was filed with the Commission on March 7, 1997, and requests an approval of an agreement between U S WEST and United States Cellular Mobile Telephone Network.  The second Application, requesting  approval of an agreement between U S WEST and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., was filed March 18, 1997.  The Applications request approval of the agreements pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.  The Applications state that both agreements are the result of voluntary negotiations between U S WEST and the other parties.

The Commission has approved other interconnection agreements arrived at by voluntary negotiations after inviting comments through Modified Procedure.  Staff recommends that these Applications also be processed by Modified Procedure.

Commission Decision

1.  Should the Application in Case No. USW-T-97-8, involving an agreement between U S WEST and United States Cellular Mobile Telephone Network, be processed by Modified Procedure?

2.  Should the Application in Case No. USW-T-97-10, involving an agreement between U S WEST and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc., be processed by Modified Procedure?

Weldon Stutzman

vld/M:USW-T-97-8.ws