

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
MCI Telecommunications Corporation,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	File No. E-96-38
	)	
U S West Communications, Inc.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: June 4, 1997; Released: June 4, 1997**

By the Chief, Formal Complaints and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division,  
Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The parties have executed a negotiated Protective Agreement regarding treatment of confidential material in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to Sections 0.459 and 1.727(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.459, 1.727(a), the parties have requested the Commission to enter an order accepting their agreement.

2. After due consideration, we are persuaded that the public interest would be served by adopting the Protective Agreement, a copy of which is appended hereto. The Protective Agreement is consistent with Section 1.731 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.731, and should facilitate the orderly exchange of relevant information in this proceeding.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Sections 4(i) and 4(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), and the authority delegated by Sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the parties' joint request for acceptance of the Protective Agreement appended hereto IS GRANTED. Nothing in this Order, or the Protective Agreement appended hereto, shall restrict the Commission's authority to use information or materials obtained in the course of this proceeding.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this ORDER shall be effective upon adoption.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Chief, Formal Complaints and  
Investigations Branch  
Enforcement Division  
Common Carrier Bureau