

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding)	
for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements)	DOCKET NO. UT-960369
Transport and Termination, and Resale)	
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In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding)	
for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements)	DOCKET NO. UT-960370
Transport and Termination, and Resale)	
for U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	
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In the Matter of the Pricing Proceeding)	DOCKET NO. UT-960371
for Interconnection, Unbundled Elements)	
Transport and Termination, and Resale)	PETITION OF NORTHPOINT
for GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED)	COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO
_____)	INTERVENE

NorthPoint Communications, Inc. ("NorthPoint"), pursuant to WAC 480-09-430(1), hereby requests leave to intervene in the above-entitled dockets. In support of its request, NorthPoint states as follows:

I.

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II.

NorthPoint is a facilities-based telecommunications company that was authorized by the Commission to provide intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Washington in Docket No. UT-981279. NorthPoint offers local exchange service -- primarily digital subscriber line ("DSL") and related data services in competition with U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("USWC") and GTE Northwest Incorporated ("GTE"). NorthPoint, pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), entered into interconnection agreements with USWC (which the Commission approved on November 16, 1998, in Docket No. UT-980355) and GTE (which the Commission approved on May 12, 1999).

III.

The prices NorthPoint must pay to incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") for access to, and interconnection with, the ILECs' network are of critical importance to NorthPoint's ability to provide an effective alternative to services provided by USWC and GTE. In particular, appropriate recurring and nonrecurring rates for cageless physical collocation and geographically deaveraged unbundled loops must be cost-based and set in accordance with the Act, FCC rules, and appropriate economic principles. NorthPoint was not registered to provide telecommunications service in Washington until March 1998, and did not enter into interconnection agreements with USWC and GTE until November 1998 and May 1999, respectively -- long after Phase I of this proceeding concluded and near the conclusion of Phase II. The Seventeenth Supplemental Order established Phase III, providing NorthPoint with its first opportunity to seek to participate in this proceeding. The resolution of issues to be addressed in

Phase III -- including collocation prices, assignment of loop conditioning costs, and geographic deaveraging of the rates for network elements and interconnection -- will have a direct, material, and particular impact on NorthPoint.

IV.

As a competing local exchange company ("CLEC") with a direct and particular interest in the outcome of these proceedings, NorthPoint's participation will be of material value to the Commission. NorthPoint's intervention will not broaden the issues to be addressed or delay the proceedings, and NorthPoint will coordinate with existing parties to minimize any duplication or overlap in presentation of positions.

WHEREFORE, NorthPoint respectfully requests leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, with a right to discovery, to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on brief and at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this ____ day of September, 1999.

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