BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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QWEST CORPORATION,

Complainant,

Respondent.

MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SERVICES, INC., d/b/a PAETEC BUSINESS

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STIPULATION OF MATERIAL FACTS

Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA d/b/a PAETEC jointly file this Stipulation of Material Facts.

- 1. Qwest is a "telecommunications corporation" as defined in RCW 80.04.010 and is an "incumbent local exchange company" ("ILEC"), as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h). Qwest provides local exchange and other telecommunications services in the State of Washington.
- 2. McLeodUSA is an Iowa corporation and is registered with and classified by the Commission as a competitive local exchange company ("CLEC") and is also a "telecommunications corporation" as defined in RCW 80.04.010. McLeodUSA is authorized to provide switched and non-switched local exchange and long distance services in Washington.
- 3. Qwest and McLeodUSA are parties to a certain interconnection agreement entitled "Local Interconnection Agreement," which was voluntarily negotiated, as is permitted by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The ICA was filed by Qwest for approval by the Commission, which approval was granted by the Commission in Docket No. UT-993007, on August 30, 2000.

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- 4. The ICA provides the terms, conditions, and prices for network interconnection, access to Unbundled Network Elements ("UNEs"), ancillary network services, and retail service available for resale.
- 5. McLeodUSA leases UNEs or other facilities from Qwest to serve the majority of end user customers that McLeod serves in Washington.
- 6. When McLeodUSA leases UNEs or other facilities from Qwest to serve McLeodUSA end user customers, the transaction is performed pursuant to the ICA.
- 7. Except for local call termination services, Qwest does not purchase any network facilities or services from McLeodUSA under the ICA at either wholesale or retail when providing service to its end users.
- 8. The non-recurring rates Qwest charges for installation of unbundled loops are based on TELRIC cost studies that were approved by the Commission in wholesale cost dockets.
- 9. The Washington wholesale cost dockets-approved rates permit Qwest to charge McLeodUSA specifically enumerated nonrecurring charges when an unbundled loop is ordered by McLeod for installation.
- 10. Part of Qwest's cost study includes cost support for non-recurring charges recovering costs Qwest incurs to process Local Service Requests submitted by CLECs ordering unbundled loops. The cost study includes various costs related to order processing and completion.
- 11. The nonrecurring charges assessed by Qwest were established in the Washington Wholesale Cost Dockets UT-960369 and UT- UT-003013.
- 12. A local telephone service customer (end-user) can change his or her current local service provider to any other local service provider. When the end user switches from Qwest as the local service provider to any other local service provider, Qwest assesses a Commission approved non-recurring installation charge to the new local service provider only if the new local service provider orders an unbundled loop from Qwest.

- 13. When the end user switches from Qwest to another local service provider that is not using unbundled loops from Qwest to provide its service to that end user, Qwest does not assess that other local service provider a non-recurring installation charge as that provider is not ordering an unbundled loop, provided, however, Qwest does charge a Customer Transfer Fee for a resale line purchased by McLeodUSA. There are also non-recurring charges for QLSP services purchased by McLeodUSA. Those QLSP non-recurring charges include the installation of the unbundled loop.
- 14. McLeodUSA's WSOC was filed as part of McLeodUSA's Price List, Washington UTC Price List No. 1, Original Sheet No. 126, effective April 10, 2004 ("WSOC Tariff"). (Joint Stipulation Exhibit A). The WSOC Tariff provision states: "A Wholesale Service Order charge applies to all providers of telecommunications services that assess a non-recurring charge on McLeodUSA for the processing of comparable orders submitted by McLeodUSA to initiate service using network elements leased from the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC")."
- 15. McLeodUSA charges the WSOC to Qwest when an end user customer switches from McLeodUSA to Qwest. No other LEC is assessed the WSOC by McLeodUSA based on McleodUSA's application of the tariff.
- 16. No other LEC operating in Washington charges either McLeodUSA or Qwest a non-recurring charge when a customer leaves that carrier and moves their telecommunications services, including local services, to McLeodUSA or to Qwest.
- 17. McLeodUSA and Qwest are parties to a Wholesale Service Order Charge Amendment that was filed with the Commission for approval and approved by the Commission on May 7, 2009, in Docket No. UT-993007 (the "Amendment"). A copy of the Amendment is attached and marked as Exhibit B.
- 18. Under the Amendment, McLeodUSA invoices Qwest "for [WSOC] charges associated with orders submitted by Qwest to transfer a CLEC customer to Qwest, and [Qwest]

will pay such invoices according to the payment terms of the Agreement." Amendment, Attachment 1, para.1.

- 19. The Amendment, in Attachment 1, para 2, specifically preserves Qwest's rights to challenge the WSOC. If the Commission determines that the WSOC is unjust, unreasonable, unlawful, or otherwise unenforceable, the amendment is deemed terminated on the effective date of the Commission' final order.
 - 20. The Amendment provides that the WSOC in Washington is \$21.24.
- 21. When customer decides to leave McLeodUSA and take services from Qwest and keep its telephone numbers, Qwest submits a Local Service Request ("LSR") via a McLeodUSA web-based OSS. Depending on the customer's service configuration with McLeodUSA as reflected in the Customer Service Record ("CSR"), McLeod's form permits a carrier to submit an LSR that requests that McLeodUSA disconnect additional lines that are not being ported to that carrier. The McLeodUSA web-based OSS takes the information completed by the LEC and flows that information into various internal systems. Based on a LEC LSR, the system initiates, and in some instances completes, various tasks that must be completed to ensure that end users can seamlessly move their local service (and other services as the case may be) to their new chosen service provider. Undertaking such steps to ensure a seamless transition is in the best interests of the end user.
- 22. In addition to the OSS, McLeodUSA personnel are involved in various aspects of completing the steps required to fully process an LSR for number portability, service disconnection, line disconnection, or all the above. Among other tasks, these employees perform the following:
 - Release of Triggers in the McLeodUSA switch
 - Grant concurrence in the NPAC
 - Pull the TN from the McLeodUSA switch once the line has ported out

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