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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation to Initiate a Mass-Market Switching and Dedicated Transport Case Pursuant to the Triennial Review Order

Docket No. UT-033044

QWEST’S MOTION FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE MASKING REQUIREMENT IN ORDER NO. 5; REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RESOLUTION

Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) hereby moves the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) for an exception to the masking requirements set forth in Order No. 5. That order required the masking of CLEC identities in any highly confidential information to be submitted in this proceeding. Qwest seeks an exception to this requirement for the submission of Exhibit DP/LN-20. Qwest proposes to submit that exhibit as highly confidential, but without masking CLEC names.

The reason for this exception is threefold. First, the masking requirement is technically difficult to accomplish because of the way the spreadsheet is constructed – it contains pivot tables that will not allow the replacement of some of the CLEC names with the alpha-numeric codes. Second, this exhibit has been submitted as highly confidential, but in unmasked form, in other states. Thus, the masking requirement would serve little purpose in Washington. Finally, this is an exhibit showing regional data; many of the CLECs on this exhibit do not have alpha-numeric codes in Washington and would therefore be masked via the use of asterisks. This method does not give the Commission or the parties meaningful information.

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In further support of this request, Qwest states that it has contacted the carrier whose name would be unmasked in Washington, and that carrier has indicated that it has no objection to the submission of the exhibit as highly confidential but unmasked as described herein.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2004.

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