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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

**JOINT MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF BATCH HOT CUT FORUM**

Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), AT&T of the Pacific Northwest (“AT&T”), and WorldCom, Inc., on behalf of its regulated subsidiaries (“MCI”) (the “Parties) jointly propose the following process and framework for addressing the batch hot cut requirements of the FCC’s Triennial Review Order (“Order”):

**Overview**

The Parties agree that a single, uniform batch hot cut process for all states within the Qwest region provides the most efficient and effective operating environment for both Qwest and CLECs. The Parties also agree that it is appropriate for the industry participants (ILECs and CLECs) to the extent possible, to attempt to reach agreement on a batch hot cut process prior to submitting a process to Commissions for review and approval. Toward that end, the Parties propose a multi-state forum with participation by both industry (ILECs and CLECs) as well as State Commission personnel and other interested persons. The Parties further agree it is essential for State Commissions to endorse this process. To the extent all of the states do not agree to endorse the process, the Parties reserve the right to withdraw this proposal and proceed on a state-by-state basis.

1 **Industry participation**

2 The Parties agree that the forum should be structured and conducted in a manner that encourages  
3 participation by as many CLECs as possible. The Parties propose to hold the first face-to-face meeting in  
4 Denver, Colorado with the option for participants to participate via a conference bridge in the event they  
5 are unable to travel to Denver. Should the forum participants determine that additional face-to-face  
6 meetings are required, the Parties propose that subsequent meetings be held in Seattle, Washington, and  
7 Phoenix, Arizona, to minimize the travel burdens that may be experienced by any one CLEC. Participation  
8 by conference bridge will also be available for any subsequent meetings.

9 All discussions conducted in the forum will be transcribed by a licensed court reporter and be  
10 made a part of the record in any state's 9-month proceeding. Qwest will assume the administrative role of  
11 creating the agenda for, and documenting the results of, each meeting. All agreements reached by  
12 participants during the forum will be documented and will be binding upon the parties that entered into such  
13 agreements. Impasse issues concerning the batch hot cut process remaining at the conclusion of the forum  
14 process will also be documented and will be litigated before the State Commissions for resolution during  
15 the 9-month proceedings in each of the states. CLECs and other participants will have an opportunity to  
16 comment on, and/or revise, written materials indicating agreement, disagreement or other with the content  
17 of Qwest's documentation of the issues.

18 All proposals and materials to be discussed at the forum will be provided to participants  
19 electronically two (2) business days in advance of any face-to-face meetings or conference calls. In  
20 addition, the proposals, transcripts of prior meetings, and any other applicable materials will be posted on  
21 the Qwest website at: [www.qwest.com/wholesale/guides/index.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/guides/index.html).

22 **Timelines**

23 Given the rigorous timelines set forth by the FCC in its Order for the state proceedings regarding a  
24 batch hot cut process, the Parties propose the following schedule for the forum and the subsequent  
25 incorporation of the results of the forum into the 9-month proceedings in each state:

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ACTIVITY	DUE DATE
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1	Commission Notice to all CLECs within respective states regarding batch hot cut forum	November 5, 2003
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3	Qwest submits its batch hot cut proposal which will include a detailed description of the process, including, but not limited to, capacity, Pre-order, Ordering and Provisioning, the proposed cost for the batch hot cut activities, and the intervals.	November 11, 2003
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7	CLECs submit comments/counter proposals to Qwest's batch hot cut proposal	November 18, 2003
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9	Initial Forum – Denver, Colorado	December 1-3, 2003
10	Weekly conference calls on batch hot cut proposal, if useful. Face-to-face meetings as necessary (in Seattle, Washington & Phoenix, Arizona)	December 4, 2003 - January 15, 2004
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12	Simultaneous filing of direct testimony on impasse issues regarding the batch hot cut process and filing of a Stipulation among parties on areas of agreement/consensus items.	January 20, 2004
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15	Simultaneous filing of rebuttal testimony	February 15, 2004
16	Hearings & Commission Decision	Per each state's procedural order in the 9-month dockets
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18 **Notice**

19 The Parties propose each State Commission issue a Notice to all CLECs within its respective state  
20 advising that it endorses the multi-state forum, adopts the schedule and procedural requirements described  
21 above, and strongly encourages interested parties to actively participate in the multi-state forum. The  
22 parties further request that such notice be issued by November 5, 2003, to all CLECs and other interested  
23 parties.

24 In the interest of making this filing on an expedited basis, the undersigned is authorized to state that  
25 AT&T and MCI concur in this proposal and is further authorized to sign and file this pleading on behalf of  
26 AT&T and MCI.

1 Respectfully submitted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2003.

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