

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of:

QWEST CORPORATATION

To be Regulated Under an Alternative
Form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW
80.36.135.

DOCKET NO. UT-061625

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE COMMENTS
REGARDING QWEST
BROADBAND REPORT**

MOTION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(1)(b) the Public Counsel Section of the Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) for leave to file comments regarding the Qwest Washington Rural Broadband Service Expansion Plan. Because the Commission rules do not provide for a response in the ordinary course, Public Counsel files this motion.

The broadband deployment plan was one of the important conditions imposed by the Commission as part of its approval of the AFOR. It is important that the parties have an opportunity to comment on whether the plan is adequate and in compliance with the Commission orders at this early stage, prior to actual implementation, to ensure that the Company's activities

are consistent with the conditions imposed. Public Counsel, therefore, respectfully requests that parties be allowed a reasonable time to file written comments.

Dated this 26th day of October, 2007.

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