

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of  
  
QWEST CORPORATION  
  
for an Alternative Form of Regulation  
Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.

DOCKET NO. UT-061625  
  
COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION  
FOR LEAVE TO FILE  
COMMENTS REGARDING  
QWEST'S BROADBAND REPORT

1           On October 24, 2007, Qwest filed its Washington Rural Broadband Service Expansion Plan with the Commission. On October 26, 2007, Public Counsel, pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(1)(b), filed for leave to file comments regarding this plan. Public Counsel points out the importance of allowing the parties the opportunity to comment on whether Qwest's plan is adequate and in compliance with the Commission's orders at this early stage, prior to actual implementation, to ensure that the Company's activities are consistent with the conditions imposed by the Commission. Staff agrees with Public Counsel's observations, and therefore, also seeks leave to file comments regarding the plan.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2007.

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