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

JOINT MOTION OF COMMISSION STAFF AND PUBLIC COUNSEL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS REGARDING QWEST'S BROADBAND REPORT

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On October 24, 2007, Qwest filed its Washington Rural Broadband Service Expansion Plan ("Plan") with the Commission. In Order No. 11, paragraph 5, the Commission granted the motions of Staff and Public Counsel to file comments regarding the Plan, stating that such comments "may provide information that will aid our review of the Expansion Plan filed by Qwest." These comments are currently due on November 19, 2007.

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Qwest, Staff, and Public Counsel have been engaging in discussions regarding Qwest's Plan, and held a conference call on this topic on November 16, 2007. The parties have also scheduled a follow-up call on November 20, 2007, to further discuss the matter. Based on the parties' ongoing discussions, Staff and Public Counsel request that

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the Commission extend the date for filing comments on Qwest's Plan to November 30,

2007. Qwest has indicated that it does not oppose this proposal.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2007.

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