

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

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UT-061625
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QWEST CORPORATION,	)	ORDER 12
	)	
For an Alternative Form of Regulation	)	ORDER GRANTING
Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.	)	UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
	)	EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
	)	COMMENTS
	)	<b>(Due November 30, 2007)</b>
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**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Docket UT-061625 involves Qwest Corporation’s (Qwest) request for an alternative form of regulation (AFOR) pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.
  
- 2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approved, subject to condition, Qwest’s request for an AFOR.<sup>1</sup> Among other things, the Commission required Qwest to file, for Commission approval, a plan for expanding advanced telecommunications services to underserved areas and underserved customer classes. On October 24, 2007, Qwest filed a Washington Rural Broadband Service Expansion Plan (Plan). By Order 11, entered November 9, 2007, the Commission granted the unopposed motions of Public Counsel and Commission Staff to file comments on the Plan within 10 days of the date of the Order, or by November 19, 2007. On November 16, 2007, the Commission Staff and Public Counsel filed a joint motion for an extension of time to file comments and represented that Qwest did not oppose the motion.
  
- 3 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The unopposed motion for extension of time to file comments on Qwest’s Washington Broadband Service Expansion Plan should be granted. According to WAC 480-07-375(2), the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting parties state good cause and the continuance will not

<sup>1</sup> Orders 06 and 08, entered July 24, and September 6, 2007, respectively.

prejudice any party or the Commission. The parties stated good cause for granting the extension: They are participating in discussions regarding the Plan that will continue after the deadline for filing comments. Granting the extension will not prejudice any party or the Commission.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 4 (1) The unopposed motion for extension of time to file comments filed by Commission Staff and Public Counsel is granted.
- 5 (2) The deadline for filing comments to Qwest's Washington Broadband Expansion Plan is extended to November 30, 2007.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective November 19, 2007.

**WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**PATRICIA CLARK**  
Administrative Law Judge