**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of an InterconnectionAgreement BetweenNORTH COUNTYCOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON,withQWEST CORPORATIONPursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b). | Docket UT-093035**NORTH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION’S Request To Stay or Suspend Procedural Schedule Pending RESOLUTION OF PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS** |

*1* North County Communications Corporation (“North County”) respectfully submits the following Request to Stay or Suspend Procedural Schedule Pending Petition for Administrative Review of the Order Denying Motion to Dismiss (Order 06), filed April 26, 2010 by Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Adam E. Torem (the “Order”).

*2* On April 26, 2010 ALJ Adam E. Torem issued his Order Denying Motion to Dismiss (Order 06). On May 3, 2010 (two days prior to the filing deadline), North County filed its Petition for Review of the Order (“Petition”). North County indicated in its cover letter that it did not want to waste Commission resources, and so would not be filing its answer to Qwest’s petition. On May 5, 2010, ALJ Torem issued Order 07 pointing out that North County had failed to answer or move to stay, and requiring an answer be filed by May 7, 2010. North County files an answer concurrently herewith, but the issue of wasting the Commission’s, and the parties’, time and effort still remains.

*3* Until the Commission decides the Petition, it would be wasteful to move forward with the current procedural schedule. If the Commission upholds the Order, the procedural schedule can be easily reset. If the Commission overturns the Order, then any time spent by the parties and the ALJ would be completely wasted. Both parties have consented to waiver the regulatory deadlines in this matter. As such, North County respectfully requests that the procedural schedule be stayed or suspended pending resolution of the Petition.

 Dated this 6th day of May, 2010, in San Diego, California.

 Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served the foregoing document this day upon all parties of record (listed below) in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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 Dated this 6th day of May 2010, in San Diego, California.

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