BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Second Six-Month Review of

QWEST CORPORATION'S

Performance Assurance Plan

DOCKET NO. UT-043007

COMMISSION STAFF'S COMMENTS ON QWEST'S SGAT FILING

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On July 13, 2004, the Commission issued Order No. 6 in Docket UT-043007 and in the procedural schedule requested comments on Qwest's SGAT filing (Docket UT-043029) on July 16, 2004. Staff's comments are set forth below.

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Qwest's SGAT filing consists of revisions to Exhibits B and K of the SGAT.

With respect to Exhibit K, Qwest has waived the 60 days action requirement in order to allow parties to address the proposed changes to Exhibit K in the six-month review. Hence, Staff will not address that at this time.

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With respect to Exhibit B, Staff's review of the filing shows that Qwest has modified Exhibit B to add PO-20 (Expanded) – Manual Service Order Accuracy, which includes a phased-in approach to assessing manual service order accuracy with benchmark standards applicable to each stage of the phase-in. The phase-in approach was worked out and agreed to by Qwest and participating CLECs over the

last year and one-half in an ad-hoc forum, and finalized in the LTPA collaborative.

Staff compared the changes in Exhibit B with the agreed-upon language from the

LTPA and believes that the additions to Exhibit B accurately reflect the language

agreed to by the parties in the LTPA. Staff, therefore, recommends that Commission

issue an order approving the Exhibit B changes filed in Docket UT-043029.

DATED this 16th day of July, 2004.

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