

October 24, 2001

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION BENCH REQUESTS
(November 7, 2001)**

RE: In the Matter of the Investigation Into U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003022; In the Matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003040.

The Commission issues the following bench requests to Qwest Corporation:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 37:

Please update the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) filed with the Commission on July 24, 2001, to reflect the recommendations in the facilitator's report from the multi-state QPAP proceeding issued on October 22, 2001. Please provide a redlined version to identify any changes made to the July 24, 2001 version of the QPAP.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 38:

Assuming that Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP), as modified by the facilitator's report from the multi-state QPAP proceeding, had taken effect on June 1, 2001, please provide:

- (a) The amount of Tier I and Tier II QPAP incentive payments Qwest would have made to CLECs and the state in Washington for the period of June – September, 2001, based upon Washington state performance results for that same period.
- (b) Please include the CLEC data used to calculate payments and payment amounts for each CLEC by month, but do not provide the identity of the individual CLEC associated with the data and payment amounts. Also include the Tier II aggregate data, calculations and payment amounts by month.

Please include the spreadsheets and programs used to make the statistical calculations and payment calculations in electronic form and ensure all formulae and calculations in the spreadsheet(s) can be reviewed and edited by Commission staff.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than Wednesday, **November 7, 2001**, with an original and five copies. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Tom Spinks at 360-664-1365.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All parties (via fax and U.S. Mail)