[Service Date July 20, 2006] BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PACIFIC BELL WIRELESS) DOCKET UT-063048
NORTHWEST, LLC (a/k/a)
CINGULAR WIRELESS),)
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Complainant,) NOTICE OF PREHEARING
) CONFERENCE
V.) (Set for August 14, 2006, 1:30 p.m.)
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QWEST CORPORATION,)
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Respondent.)
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- PROCEEDING. Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC, more commonly known as Cingular Wireless (Cingular) filed a formal complaint against Qwest Corporation (Qwest) on June 16, 2006. Qwest filed its answer on July 7, 2006. The Complaint alleges that Qwest improperly billed Cingular from August 2003 through October 2005 for Signaling System 7 service on all local calls exchanged between the companies in violation of the parties' interconnection agreement. SS7 signaling enables telecommunications switches to properly route calls.
- 2 Qwest disputes Cingular's claim on several bases including that much of the service involves interstate circuits outside the Commission's jurisdiction and services provided under tariff, not under an interconnection agreement.
- A more detailed account of the dispute is reflected in the complaint and answer, which are available for inspection at the Commission's offices located at Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission's web site at <u>www.wutc.wa.gov/063048</u>. It is appropriate that the matters raised in the pleadings be brought for hearing before the Commission.
- 4 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. Statutes and rules cited in the complaint include RCW 80.36.080, RCW

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80.36.140, RCW 80.36.160, and RCW 80.36.170. Statutes involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, 80.36 RCW, 480-07 WAC, and 480-120 WAC, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020.

- 5 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.434, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in chapter 480-07 WAC in this proceeding.
- 6 The ultimate issues involved are generally stated above and more specifically contained in the complaint.

7 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2006, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for interventions, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for the distributing of evidence and work papers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.
- **9 INTERVENTION.** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See WAC 480-07-355(a).* The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See WAC 480-07-345(2).* If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

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- 10 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allows the Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.
- 11 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

Complainant:	Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC, a/k/a Cingular Wireless Michael Van Eckhardt P.O. Box 97061 Redmond, WA 98073-9761 (425) 580-7033
Representative:	Gregory J. Kopta Davis Wright Tremaine LLP 2600 Century Square 1501 Fourth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 628-7692
Respondent:	Qwest Corporation 1600 7 th Avenue, Room 3206 Seattle, WA 98191
Representatives:	Lisa A. Anderl Adam L. Sherr 1600 7 th Avenue, Room 3206 Seattle, WA 98191 (206) 398-2500

12 Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding. DOCKET UT-063048

13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 20, 2006.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary

Inquiries may be addressed to:

Secretary Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Chandler Plaza Building 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160

<u>NOTICE</u>

PLEASE NOTE: The hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and if limited English-speaking or hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (<u>PLEASE SUPPLY ALL</u> <u>REQUESTED INFORMATION</u>)

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