

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-073033
)	<i>(Bifurcated)</i>
QWEST CORPORATION,)	
)	ORDER 05
For Commission Approval of 2007)	
Additions to Non-Impaired Wire Center)	ORDER BIFURCATING DOCKETS
List)	
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)	DOCKET UT-073035
In the Matter of the Petition of)	<i>(Bifurcated)</i>
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QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER 03
)	
For Investigation Concerning the Status)	ORDER BIFURCATING DOCKETS
of Competition and Impact of the)	
FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order)	
on the Competitive)	
Telecommunications Environment in)	
Washington State)	
.....)	

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS.** Docket UT-073033 involves Qwest Corporation's (Qwest) request for approval of additions to its non-impaired wire center list. Docket UT-073035 is a joint request filed by Qwest and several Competitive Local Exchange Carriers for approval of a settlement agreement (Settlement) that resolves issues concerning the status of competition and impact of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Triennial Review Remand Order on the competitive telecommunications environment in Washington.

- 2 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY.** On June 22, 2007, Qwest filed a request for approval of additional non-impaired wire centers. That request was assigned Docket UT-073033. On the same date, Qwest and several Competitive Local Exchange Carriers filed, in Docket UT-053025, a joint petition for approval of a Settlement resolving issues concerning the status of competition and the impact of the FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order on the competitive telecommunications market in Washington. That filing was subsequently withdrawn and refiled as a new case which was assigned Docket UT-073035.
- 3 An Order of Consolidation and Notice of Prehearing Conference was entered on July 19, 2007.¹ On July 23, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Substitution of Presiding Officer reassigning this matter to Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark. On August 2, 2007, the Commission entered a Prehearing Conference Order that, among other things, accepted the parties' proposal that the Commission address the issues in these proceedings in two phases. The Commission will resolve the issues in Docket UT-073035 prior to addressing the issues in Docket UT-073033. Therefore, no purpose would be served by considering these matters in a consolidated proceeding. These dockets are bifurcated for individual consideration.
- 4 Documents filed in these consolidated cases, to date, are listed in the Docket Sheets for UT-073033. Documents filed subsequent to the issuance of this Order bifurcating these proceedings will be listed in the individual Docket Sheets for each proceeding.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective September 19, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge

¹ That Order was entered as Order 03 in Docket UT-073033 and as Order 01 in Docket UT-073035.