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4 **Hearing schedule.** In the Nineteenth Supplemental Order in this proceeding, the Commission provided notice to the parties of hearings scheduled to be held beginning on December 18, 2001, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia Washington. During the prehearing conference, the parties agreed that Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan, or QPAP, will be the subject of hearing on December 18 and the first half of December 19, 2001. Comments and oral argument concerning the QPAP and the Report of the facilitator for the Multi-state Proceeding on the QPAP will be addressed first, and then parties will be given an opportunity to cross-examine any witnesses who filed testimony on the QPAP.

5 After the lunch break on December 19, 2001, Qwest's compliance with Commission Orders in this proceeding will be the subject of hearing and parties will be given an opportunity to cross-examine any witnesses who filed testimony on this topic. Beginning on December 20, 2001, the Commission will hear testimony and cross-examination of pre-filed testimony on the subject of Qwest's Performance Data and Liberty Consulting's Report on Data Verification.

Filing Deadlines.

6 **QPAP.** Following the discussion in the prehearing conference, it was determined that parties may prefile testimony and new evidence only concerning the questions listed in the Commission's October 24, 2001 Notice of Opportunity to File Comments, as well as responses to Qwest's responses to Bench Requests issued on October 24, 2001. Parties may file written comments on the QPAP and the report on the QPAP issued on October 22, 2001 by the facilitator for the Multi-state Proceeding, or may present oral comments or arguments regarding these topics at the hearing. The Commission will allow cross-examination of witnesses filing testimony on these topics during the hearings scheduled to begin December 18, 2001. Filing deadlines on QPAP issues are as follows:

7	Qwest's Responses to Bench Requests:	November 7, 2001
	Testimony/Comments on Commission Questions:	November 21, 2001
	Responses to Qwest's Bench Request Responses:	November 21, 2001
	Response Testimony/Comments on Commission Questions:	December 5, 2001
	Qwest Rebuttal re: Bench Request Responses:	December 5, 2001

8 **SGAT/Order Compliance.** In response to the Eighteenth Supplemental Order in this proceeding, Qwest filed on October 1, 2001, a document identifying its compliance with Commission orders. Any testimony or comments concerning whether Qwest's

SGAT is in compliance with Commission Orders shall be based on Commission orders on the first and second workshops in this proceeding, and the SGAT filed with the Commission on July 21, 2001. Filing dates on SGAT/Order compliance issues are as follows:

Qwest Initial Comments/Testimony:	October 1, 2001
Responses to Qwest's Filing:	November 21, 2001
Qwest Rebuttal:	December 5, 2001

9 **Performance Results.** In the Eighteenth Supplemental Order the Commission also noted that Qwest had filed performance data from July 2000 to June 2001, and requested responses from the parties on October 12, 2001. During the prehearing conference, Qwest requested the opportunity to file more recent performance data, and some parties requested an opportunity to respond more formally to that data. Filing dates on Performance Results data are as follows:

Qwest Initial Comments/Testimony:	November 16, 2001
Responses to Qwest's Filing:	December 5, 2001

10 Qwest will be given an opportunity to make any rebuttal testimony during the December hearings.

11 Since the prehearing conference, the Commission has determined that the following information would be useful in advance of the hearing.

Beginning with September 2001 performance results, and for each month thereafter, please identify each instance where Qwest has failed to meet the parity or benchmark standard. Also provide a narrative as to why the company failed to meet the measure and identify the steps being taken to ensure future compliance.

12 The Commission requests that Qwest respond to this question through supplemental direct testimony by **December 5, 2001**, and will allow parties to file supplemental responsive testimony by **December 12, 2001**.

13 **Data Verification.** In the Eighteenth Supplemental Order, the Commission noted that Liberty Consulting had agreed to perform data verification and reconciliation for Qwest and the CLECs. Liberty Consulting expected to issue its report on October 31, 2001. During the prehearing conference, the parties reported that the report would not be issued until November. The parties agreed to identify tentative filing dates to respond to the report. As of the date of this order, the report has not been issued. The tentative filing dates listed below apply on condition that the report is issued by November 29, 2001:

Simultaneous Comments/Testimony:
Responsive Testimony/Comments:

December 5, 2001
December 12, 2001

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Notice of Prehearing Conference. The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 to identify witnesses who plan to testify during the hearings scheduled to begin December 18, 2001, estimate times for direct and cross-examination, and mark exhibits for the hearings. The conference will be held in Room 206, the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, SW, Olympia, Washington on **December 11, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** Persons who cannot attend in person may participate via the Commission's teleconference bridge line **360-664-3846**. Persons desiring to participate via the bridge line must make advance reservations, by calling Kippi Walker at 360-664-1139, no later than 5:00 p.m., December 10, 2001.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 21st day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.