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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation, To be Regulated Under an Alternative Form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135
Docket No. UT-061625

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Public Counsel formally requests a continuance to respond to Qwest's motion for an order identifying highly confidential information and restricting access to that information only to Commission Staff and Public Counsel. Simon ffitich, who is Public Counsel's attorney on the matter, is out of town and will be returning to the office Thursday, January 11.

Since I do not know whether Mr. ffitich would respond to the motion and he would only have one day to prepare such a response if he did, I am asking for a continuance until Wednesday, January 17. Even though Public Counsel is not directly affected by the proposed order, we sometimes comment to protect the public interest as a whole. This may or may not be the case here and ultimately Mr. ffitich will determine that when he returns. Thus, this continuance preserves our opportunity to respond.

I have polled all of the parties in the docket and there are no objections to our request. I specifically asked the parties to express whether a delay in receiving the data request responses encompassed by this protective order would be a problem. None of the parties raised any concerns.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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