

October 14, 2003

OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COMMENTS
(October 21, 2003)

RE: In the Matter of the Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order, Docket No. UT-033025.

During the September 26, 2003, prehearing conference in this docket, the parties discussed the provisions of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Triennial Review Order concerning state commission approval of a batch cut migration process for incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs). The parties agreed that it would be appropriate for the Commission to request comments for the parties concerning the respective obligations of ILECs and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) concerning a batch cut migration process.

On October 10, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a Petition to Initiate a Nine-Month Case under the Triennial Review Order. The Commission will evaluate a batch cut migration process for Qwest within that proceeding. The Commission invites all interested persons and parties to file comments with the Commission concerning the obligations of other ILECs operating in Washington State, in particular Verizon Northwest Inc., and the Commission under the Triennial Review Order to initiate development of a batch cut migration process within the state of Washington. **All comments must be filed with the Commission by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2003.** After receiving these comments, the Commission will determine the appropriate action to implement the provisions of the Triennial Review Order concerning ILEC batch cut migration processes.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge