BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Investigation Into) $DOCKET NO UT 002022$
U S WEST Communications, Inc's) DOCKET NO. UT-003022)
Compliance with Section 271 of the	,)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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In the Matter of U S WEST)
Communications, Inc.'s) DOCKET NO. UT-003040
Statement of Generally Available)
Terms and Conditions Pursuant to)
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Section 252(f) of the)
Telecommunications Act of 1996)
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In the Matter of the Second Six-Month)
Review of Qwest Corporation's) DOCKET NO. UT-043007
Performance Assurance Plan)
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INTRODUCTION

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") submits reply comments to the comments of Eschelon and MCI to Qwest's Notice of Modification of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions ("SGAT") comprising Version 7.1, which is the Performance Indicator Definitions ("PIDs").

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1. <u>THE CONCERNS OF ESCHELON AND MCI ON THEIR FIRST AND SECOND</u> ISSUES ARE MOOT.

Eschelon and MCI request the Commission to reject the proposed changes in Qwest's Notice of Modification that revise Section 7.4 of Exhibit K and Attachment 1 of Exhibit K to reflect the introduction of the expanded PO-20 PID into the QPAP. The parties object that these changes are the subject of dispute in the Second Six Month review proceeding and ask the Commission to reject the changes and require Qwest to refile Exhibit K at the conclusion of that proceeding to reflect the Commission's decisions on the disputed issues. The concerns of these parties are moot because on June 29, 2004, pursuant to discussion with all parties at the prehearing conference in the Second Six Month Review proceeding, Qwest filed a letter consenting to the extension of the sixty day approval period established by 47 U.S.C. \$252(f)(3) for those changes, to extend to the conclusion of Docket UT-043007.

2. <u>ESCHELON AND MCI HAVE FAILED TO INDICATE ANY SUBSTANTIVE</u> <u>ISSUE WITH OR INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 14.2</u> <u>OF EXHIBIT K WHICH WAS MADE AT THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC COUNSEL.</u>

The concluding issue is that Eschelon and MCI have not shown what objection they have to the proposed change to Section 14.2 of Exhibit K, which simply eliminated the requirement to provide a paper copy of the monthly performance report to Public Counsel. Public Counsel, for whose benefit the requirement to provide a paper copy, has requested the elimination of the requirement and wishes to rely on the electronic copy. Eschelon and MCI have no standing to object to the removal of this requirement, and they have stated no reason

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for their opposition that would justify the Commission in rejecting the request in the SGAT proceeding. MCI stated informally that it had no objection to this change. Eschelon has not returned a telephone call from counsel for Qwest that sought to understand the basis of Eschelon's opposition to this request. Because MCI has stated it has no opposition to this request and because Eschelon has no standing to oppose the request, the request should be granted.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of July, 2004

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