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**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST NOS. 1 AND 2
(Due by September 25, 2007)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation for Commission Approval of 2007 Additions to Non-Impaired Wire Center List, Docket UT-073033, and*

In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation for Investigation Concerning the Status of Competition and Impact of the FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order on the Competitive Telecommunications Environment in Washington State, Docket UT-073035 (consolidated)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) directs the following bench requests to Qwest Corporation in Docket UT-073035. Please respond by September 25, 2007. Other parties are invited to comment on Qwest's responses by October 2, 2007.

TO: Qwest Corporation:

Bench Request No. 1

Please describe the process used and notice provided to competitive local exchange carriers of their opportunity to participate in discussions and/or negotiations regarding modification of the process to designate wire centers as non-impaired. Please provide copies of all notifications.

Bench Request No. 2

The Settlement Agreement in this proceeding deviates from Commission precedent established in Docket UT-053025 regarding the methodology for designating facilities as non-impaired (Settlement Agreement, Section V) and the effective date of

conversion of the wire center as non-impaired (Settlement Agreement, Section VI). The Joint Narrative in Support of Settlement Agreement was to provide the rationale for any deviations from Commission precedent and did not.¹ Please provide the rationale for these deviations from Commission precedent.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties

¹ TR. 20:3-10.