

February 27, 2002

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF COMMISSION BENCH REQUEST
(March 8, 2002)**

RE: In the Matter of the Investigation Into U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003022; In the Matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003040.

The Commission issues the following bench request to Qwest Corporation:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 42:

In response to Bench Request No. 38, Qwest provided an Excel file titled WA BENCH.XLS which contains formulae and definitions for terms used in the formulae. The worksheet titled "Definitions" contains the following definition: "Parity Value - The result at which the CLEC and Qwest are exactly at parity. Used to calculate misses." Sections 6 and 8 of the QPAP concerning calculation of Tier I Payments to CLECs and Monthly Tier I Payments to CLECs, make no reference to the use of parity values for calculating misses. Please explain why there is a difference between the QPAP and the bench request response regarding the calculation of misses and provide corrections as necessary.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Friday, **March 8, 2002**, with an original and five copies. If you have any questions concerning these request, please contact Tom Spinks at 360-664-1365.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL,
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All parties (via fax and U.S. Mail)