

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UT-061625
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QWEST CORPORATION,	)	ORDER 19
	)	
For an Alternative Form of Regulation	)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.	)	FOR CONTINUANCE OF QWEST
	)	AFOR REVIEW
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**MEMORANDUM**

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Docket UT-061625 involves Qwest Corporation’s (Qwest) request for an alternative form of regulation (AFOR) pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.

2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approved, subject to condition, Qwest’s AFOR request which became effective on November 30, 2007.<sup>1</sup> Qwest’s AFOR was approved for a four-year term, with a formal review to begin nine months prior to the AFOR’s expiration.<sup>2</sup> On November 8, 2007, the Commission entered Order 11 approving, subject to conditions, Qwest’s AFOR Implementation Plan which requires that Qwest file financial reporting information covering the calendar years 2008 and 2009 by February 28, 2011, and covering calendar year 2010 by April 1, 2011.<sup>3</sup>

3 On February 16, 2011, Qwest filed a Motion for Suspension and Modification of Filing Requirements which, pursuant to WAC 480-07-395(4), the Commission construes as a Motion for Continuance (Motion). In the Motion, Qwest asserts that the time frame of the AFOR review is one of the issues awaiting Commission

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<sup>1</sup> Orders 06 and 08, entered July 24, and September 6, 2007, respectively and Order 11, entered November 8, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Order 06 at 33 and 46.

<sup>3</sup> AFOR Implementation Plan, filed on October 26, 2007, at 1.

decision in Docket UT-100820.<sup>4</sup> Qwest requests the Commission continue the AFOR review period and the financial filing requirements until after a final order is entered in Docket UT-100820.<sup>5</sup> The company notes that Staff, Public Counsel, Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., tw telecom, Covad Communications Company, the Washington Electronic Business and Telecommunications Coalition, and the Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies are aware of the Motion and do not oppose it.<sup>6</sup>

- 4 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The motion for continuance should be granted. Upon entry of a final order in Docket UT-100820, the presiding officer will convene a prehearing conference to discuss the impact of that order on this proceeding.

**ORDER**

- 5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the motion for continuance filed by Qwest Corporation is granted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 18, 2011.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>4</sup> Motion, ¶ 4. Docket UT-100820 involves the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc., for approval of the indirect transfer of control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*, ¶ 6.

<sup>6</sup> Cover letter to the Motion.