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## **CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE**

This document defines the processes for change management of OSS interfaces, products and processes (including manual) as described below. CMP provides a means to address changes that support or affect pre-ordering, ordering/provisioning, maintenance/repair and billing capabilities and associated documentation and production support issues for local services provided by CLECs to their end users.

The CMP is managed by CLEC and Qwest representatives each having distinct roles and responsibilities. The CLECs and Qwest will hold regular meetings to exchange information about the status of existing changes, the need for new changes, what changes Qwest is proposing, how the process is working, etc. The process also allows for escalation to resolve disputes, if necessary.

Qwest will track changes to OSS interfaces, products and processes. The CMP includes the identification of changes and encompasses, as applicable, [requirement definition, design, development, notification, testing, implementation and disposition of changes – revisit list]. Qwest will process any such changes in accordance with the CMP described in this document.

The CMP is dynamic in nature and, as such, is managed through the regularly scheduled meetings. The parties agree to act in Good Faith in exercising their rights and performing their obligations pursuant to this CMP. This document may be revised, through the procedures described in Section (X).

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## **2.0 TYPES OF CHANGE**

A Change Request should fall into one of the following classifications:

### **2.1 Regulatory Change**

A Regulatory Change is mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority, or state and federal courts, or as agreed to by Qwest and CLECs. Regulatory changes are not voluntary but are requisite to comply with newly passed legislation, regulatory requirements, or court rulings. Either the CLEC or Qwest may initiate the change request.

### **2.2 Industry Guideline Change**

An Industry Guideline Change implements Industry Guidelines using a national implementation timeline, if any. Either Qwest or the CLEC may initiate the change request. These guidelines are industry defined by:

- Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Sponsored
- Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF)
- Local Service Ordering and Provisioning Committee (LSOP)
- Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF)
- Electronic Commerce Inter-exchange Committee (ECIC)
- Electronic Data Interface Committee (EDI)
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

### **2.3 Qwest Originated Change**

A Qwest Originated change is originated by Qwest does not fall within the changes listed above and is within the scope of CMP.

### **2.4 CLEC Originated Change**

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### **3.0 Change Request Initiation Process**

#### **3.1 CLEC-Qwest OSS Interface Change Request Initiation Process**

The change request initiator will complete a Change Request Form (see Appendix X) as defined by the instructions on Qwest's CMP web site. The Change Request Form is also located on Qwest's CMP web site.

A CLEC or Qwest seeking to change an existing OSS interface, to establish a new OSS interface, or to retire an existing OSS interface must submit a change request (CR).

#### **Regulatory or Industry Guideline Change Request**

The party submitting a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR must also include sufficient information to justify the CR being treated as a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR in the CR description section of the CR form. Such information must include specific references to regulatory or court orders, legislation, or industry guidelines as well as dates, docket or case number, page or paragraph numbers and the mandatory or recommended implementation date, if any. If a regulatory CR is implemented by a manual process and later it is determined that a change in circumstance warrants a mechanized solution, the CR originator must provide the evidence of the change in circumstance, such as an estimated volume increase or changes in technical feasibility.

Qwest or any CLEC may submit Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs. Qwest will send CLECs a notice when it posts Regulatory or Industry Guideline CRs to the Web and identify when comments are due, as described below. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs will also be identified in the CMP Systems Monthly Meeting Distribution Package. Not later than 8 business days prior to the Systems CMP Monthly meeting, any party objecting to the classification of such CR as Regulatory or Industry Guideline must submit a statement documenting reasons why the objecting party does not agree that the CR should be classified as Regulatory or Industry Guideline change. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs may not be presented as walk-on items.

If Qwest or any CLEC has objected to the classification of a CR as Regulatory or Industry Guideline, that CR will be discussed at the next monthly Change Management Meeting. At that meeting, Qwest and the CLECs will attempt to agree that the CR is Regulatory or Industry Guideline. At that meeting, if Qwest or any CLEC does not agree that the CR is Regulatory or Industry Guideline, the CR will be treated as a non-Regulatory, non-Industry Guideline CR and prioritized with the CLEC-originated and Qwest-originated CRs, unless and until the CR is declared to be Regulatory or Industry Guideline through dispute resolution. Final determination of CR type will be made by the CLEC and Qwest designated [representatives](#) at that monthly meeting, and documented in the meeting minutes.

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**Implementation Plan for Regulatory CRs**

*If agreement is reached at the monthly CMP meeting that a CR constitutes a Regulatory Change, then at that same meeting, Qwest will propose an implementation plan for compliance with a regulatory mandate. The proposal will include the criteria that Qwest used to determine the proposed method of implementation, including estimated volume, an estimated level of effort for implementing a manual solution, and an estimated level of effort for implementing a mechanized solution. Qwest will express the estimated levels of effort for these purposes in terms of a range of hours required to implement. If relied upon, the criteria may also include cost, estimated volume, number of CLECs, technical feasibility, parity with retail, or effectiveness/feasibility of manual process.*

*If the difference between the midpoint of each range of the estimated levels of effort for implementing the manual and mechanized solutions is less than 10% of the larger number, and Qwest did not rely upon other criteria in determining the proposed method of implementation, then the decision regarding whether to implement the manual or mechanized solution will be determined by the desires of the majority of the parties present at the monthly meeting where the implementation plan is presented. For example, if Qwest did not rely on other criteria, this provision applies where the midpoint of the level of effort for the mechanized solution is 2000 hours and the midpoint of the level of effort for the manual solution is 2200 hours, because the difference is 200 hours, which is less than 10% of 2200, or 220. After the implementation plan has been discussed at that meeting, Qwest will request that a representative of each CLEC and Qwest indicate their preference for the manual or the mechanized solution, e.g., by a show of raised hands. The determination will be made by the majority of parties that express a preference. The results will be reflected in the meeting minutes.*

*If Qwest is unable to fully implement a mechanized solution in the first release that occurs after the CMP participants agree that a change has been mandated, Qwest's implementation plan for the mechanized solution may include the short-term implementation of a manual work-around until the mechanized solution can be implemented. In that situation, the CR to implement the mechanized change will be treated as a Regulatory Change, notwithstanding the fact that a manual work-around is required for some interim period, and Qwest will continue to work that Regulatory CR until the mechanized solution is implemented.*

*Qwest's implementation plan for a manual solution may include a plan to implement a mechanized solution when and if estimated volume for the functionality justifies implementation of a mechanized solution. In that situation, a subsequent CR to implement the mechanized change must be submitted when estimated volume justifies implementation of the mechanized solution and will be treated as a Regulatory Change only if the CLECs and Qwest agree to such treatment. If the parties do not agree to treat such a CR as a Regulatory Change, it will be treated as a non-Regulatory Change.*

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*CLECs and Qwest will attempt to reach agreement on the implementation plan at the monthly CMP meeting at which the proposed implementation is presented.*

*If any CLEC objects to the proposed implementation plan because it disagrees with Qwest's assessment of the estimated volume, the CLEC must submit information to Qwest demonstrating that Qwest's volume estimate should be revised. The CLEC shall submit such information to Qwest within 5 business days after the monthly meeting.<sup>1</sup> Qwest shall consider all such information submitted and determine whether a revision of its volume estimate is appropriate. Within 10 business days after the monthly meeting, Qwest will notify CLECs via the mailout process whether it has determined that a revision of the volume estimate is appropriate. If it has revised the volume estimate, Qwest will include the revised volume estimate and will state whether the revised volume estimate results in a change to Qwest's estimated levels of effort to implement a manual and/or mechanized solution. If the volume estimate is revised and the revision results in a change to Qwest's estimated levels of effort to implement a manual and/or mechanized solution and/or Qwest's proposed implementation plan, Qwest will include the revised estimated levels of effort and the revised implementation plan in the notification. This implementation plan will be presented at the next monthly CMP meeting. CLECs and Qwest will attempt to reach agreement on the implementation plan at the monthly CMP meeting at which the revised implementation is presented.*

*The final determination regarding the implementation plan will be made by Qwest with input from CLECs, except where the estimated levels of effort for implementing the manual and mechanized solutions are not significantly different and the decision regarding whether to implement a manual or mechanized solution is determined by the CLECs, as set forth above. If no CLECs object to the proposed plan at the monthly meeting where it is first presented, final determinations will be made at that meeting and documented in the meeting minutes.*

*Qwest will present the proposed plan at the next monthly meeting only if all of the following apply:*

- one or more CLECs object to the proposed plan at the monthly meeting where it is first presented,*
- one or more CLECs submit additional volume estimate information as set forth above, and*
- the additional information submitted by CLECs results in a revision to the implementation plan.*

*If all of the above apply, resulting in a revised implementation plan, then Qwest will present the revised implementation plan at the next monthly meeting. Final determinations regarding the*

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<sup>1</sup> *If necessary, a CLEC may indicate that such information is confidential by marking each page with the word "Confidential." If Qwest receives information pursuant to this provision that is marked "Confidential", Qwest will not disclose such confidential information to any other CLEC, but Qwest may use such confidential information to revise its demand estimate, if appropriate, and may disclose its revised demand estimate.*

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*implementation plan will be made at that monthly meeting and documented in the meeting minutes.*

*If any CLEC does not agree with the final implementation plan, the objecting CLEC may initiate dispute resolution under the CMP Dispute Resolution process.*

A CR originator e-mails a completed CR form to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager within two (2) business days after Qwest receives a complete CR:

- Qwest's CMP Manager assigns a CR number and logs the CR into the CMP database.
- The Qwest CMP Manager forwards the CR to the CMP Group Manager.
- The Qwest CMP Manager sends acknowledgement of receipt to the originator and updates the CR database.

Within two (2) business days after acknowledgement:

- The Qwest CMP Manager posts the complete CR to the CMP web site.
- The CMP Group Manager assigns a Change Request Project Manager (CRPM) and identifies the appropriate director responsible for the CR.
- The CRPM obtains from the director the names of the assigned subject matter expert(s) (SME).
- The CRPM will provide a copy of the detailed CR report to the CR originator which includes the following information:
  - description of CR
  - originator
  - assigned CRPM
  - assigned CR number
  - designated Qwest SMEs and associated director(s)

Within eight (8) business days of receipt of a complete CR, the CRPM will coordinate and hold a clarification meeting with the originator and Qwest's SMEs. If the originator is not available within the above specified time frame, then the clarification meeting will be held at a mutually agreed upon time. Qwest may not provide a response to a CR until a clarification meeting has been held.

At the clarification meeting, Qwest and the originator will review the submitted CR, validate the intent of the originator's CR, clarify all aspects, identify all questions to be answered, and determine deliverables to be produced. After the clarification meeting has been held, the CRPM will document and issue meeting minutes within five (5) business days. Qwest's SME will internally identify options and potential solutions to the CR.

CRs received three (3) weeks prior to the next scheduled CMP meeting will be presented at that CMP meeting. At least one (1) week prior to that scheduled CMP meeting, the CRPM will have the response posted to the web and added to CMP database. CRs that are not submitted by the above specified cut-off date may be presented at that CMP meeting as a walk-on item with

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current status. Qwest may not provide responses to these walk-on requests until the next month's CMP meeting. The originator will present its CR and provide any business reasons for the CR. Items or issues identified during the previously held clarification meeting will be relayed. Participating CLECs will then be given the opportunity to comment on the CR and subsequent clarifications. Clarifications and/or modifications related to the CR will be incorporated. Qwest's SME will present options and potential solutions to the CR if applicable. Consensus will be obtained from the participating CLECs as to the appropriate direction/solution for Qwest's SME to take in responding to the CR if applicable.

Qwest will review the CRs received prior to the cut off date and evaluate whether Qwest can implement them. Qwest's responses will be one of the following:

- "Accepted" (Qwest will implement the CLEC request) with position stated. If the CR is accepted, Qwest will provide the following in its response:
  - Determination and presentation of options of how the CR can be implemented
  - Identification of the level of effort in hours required to implement the CR.
  - Identification of any CR which is a duplicate, in part or whole, to the CR being presented.
- "Denied" (Qwest will not implement the CLEC or Qwest request) with basis for the denial, including reference to substantiating material.

If CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, they may elect to escalate or dispute the CR in accordance with the agreed upon CMP escalation or dispute resolution procedures. If the originating CLEC does not agree with the determination to escalate or pursue the dispute resolution, it may withdraw its participation from the CR and any other CLEC may become responsible for pursuing the CR upon providing written notice to the Qwest CMP Manager. If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response and do not intend to escalate or dispute at the present time, they may request Qwest to status the CR as deferred. The CR will be statused deferred and CLECs may activate or close the CR at a later date.

At the monthly CMP meeting, the CR originator will provide an overview of its respective CR(s) and Qwest will present either a status or its response.

At the last Systems CMP meeting before Prioritization, Qwest will facilitate the presentation of all CRs eligible for Prioritization. At this meeting Qwest will provide a high level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. This estimate will be an estimate of the number of person hours required to incorporate the CR into the release. Ranking will proceed, as described in Section x. The results of the ranking will produce a release candidate list.

### **3.2 CLEC-Qwest OSS Interface Change Request Lifecycle**

Based on the release candidate list, Qwest will begin its development cycle which includes the following milestones:

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### **3.2.1 Business and Systems Requirements**

Qwest engineers define the business and functional specifications during this phase. The specifications are completed on a per candidate basis in priority order. During business and system requirements, any candidates which have affinities and may be more efficiently implemented together will be discussed. Candidates with affinities are defined as candidates with similarities in functions or software components. Qwest will also present any complexities, changes in candidate size, or other concerns that may arise during business or system requirements which would impact the implementation of the candidate. During the business and systems requirement efforts, CRs may be modified or new CRs may be generated (by CLECs or Qwest), with a request that the new or modified CRs be considered for addition to the release candidate list (late added CRs). If the CMP body grants the request to consider the late added CRs for addition to the release candidate list, Qwest will size the CR's requirements work effort. If the requirements work effort for the late added CRs can be completed by the end of system requirements, the release candidate list and the new CRs will be prioritized by CLECs in accordance with the agreed upon Prioritization Process (see Section xx). If the requirements work effort for the late added CRs cannot be completed by the end of system requirements, the CR will not be eligible for the release and will be returned to the pool of CRs that are available for prioritization in the next OSS interface release.

### **3.2.2 Packaging**

At the conclusion of system requirements, Qwest will present packaging option(s) for implementing the release candidates. Packaging options are defined as different combinations of candidates proposed for continuing through the next stage of development. Packaging options may not exist for the release. I.e. there may only be one straightforward set of candidates to continue working through the next stage of development. Options may be identified due to:

- affinities in candidates
- resource constraints which prevent some candidates from being implemented but allow others to be completed.

Qwest will provide an updated level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. If more than one option is presented, a vote will be held within 2 days after the meeting on the options. The option with the largest number of votes will continue through the design phase of the development cycle.

### **3.2.3 Design**

Qwest engineers define the architectural and code changes required to complete the work associated with each candidate. The design work is completed on the candidates which have been packaged.

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### **3.2.4 Commitment**

After design, Qwest will present a final list of candidates which can be implemented. Qwest will provide an updated level estimate of the Level of Effort of each CR and the estimated total capacity of the release. These candidates become the committed candidates for the release.

### **3.2.5 Code & Test**

Qwest engineers will perform the coding and testing by Qwest required to complete the work associated with the committed candidates. The code is developed and baselined before being delivered to system test. A system test plan (system test cases, costs, schedule, test environment, test data, etc.) is completed. The system is tested for meeting business and system requirements, certification is completed on the system readiness for production, and pre-final documentation is reviewed and baselined. If in the course of the code and test effort, Qwest determines that it cannot complete the work required to include a candidate in the planned release, Qwest will discuss options with the CLECs in the next CMP meeting. Options can include either the removal of that candidate from the list or a delay in the release date to incorporate that candidate. If the candidate is removed from the list, Qwest will also advise the CLECs whether or not the candidate could become a candidate for the next point release, with appropriate disclosure as part of the current major release of the OSS interface. Alternatively, the candidate will be returned to the pool of CRs that are available for prioritization in the next OSS interface release.

### **3.2.6 Deployment**

During this phase Qwest representatives from the business and operations review and agree the system is ready for full deployment. The release is deployed and production support initiated and conducted.

During any phase of the lifecycle, a candidate may be requested to be removed by the requesting CLEC. If that occurs, the candidate will be discussed at the next CMP meeting or in a special emergency meeting, if required. The candidate will only be removed from further phases of development if there is unanimous agreement by the CLECs and Qwest at that meeting.

When Qwest has completed development of the OSS interface change, Qwest will release the OSS interface functionality into production for use by the CLECs.

Upon implementation of the OSS interface release, the CRs will be presented for closure at the next CMP monthly meeting.

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### **3.3 CLEC Product/Process Change Request Initiation Process**

If a CLEC wants Qwest to change a Product/Process the CLEC e-mails a completed Change Request (CR) Form to the Qwest Product/Process CMP Manager. Within 2 business days Qwest's Product/Process CMP Manager reviews CR for completeness, and requests additional information from the CR originator, if necessary, within two (2) business days after Qwest receives a complete CR:

- The Qwest CMP manager assigns a CR Number and logs the CR into the CMP Database.
- The Qwest CMP Manager forwards the CR to the CMP Group Manager,
- The Qwest CMP manager sends acknowledgment of receipt to the CR submitter and updates the CMP Database.

Within two (2) business days after acknowledgement:

- The Qwest CMP Manager posts the complete CR to the CMP Web site
- The CMP Group Manager assigns a Change Request Project Manager (CRPM) and identifies the appropriate Director responsible for the CR.
- The CRPM obtains from the Director the names of the assigned Subject Matter Expert(s) (SME).
- The CRPM will provide a copy of the detailed CR report to the CR originator which includes the following information:
  - Description of CR
  - originating CLEC
  - assigned CRPM
  - assigned CR number
  - designated Qwest SMEs and associated director(s)
- Within eight (8) business days after receipt of a complete CR, the CRPM Coordinates and holds a Clarification Meeting with the Originating CLEC and Qwest's SMEs. If the originating CLEC is not available within the above specified time frame, then the clarification meeting will be held at a mutually agreed upon time. Qwest will not provide a response to a CR until a clarification meeting has been held.
- At the Clarification Meeting, Qwest and the Originating CLEC review the submitted CR, validate the intent of the Originating CLEC's CR, clarify all aspects, identify all questions to be answered, and determine deliverables to be produced. after the clarification meeting has been held, The CRPM will document and issue meeting minutes within five (5) business days. Qwest's SME will internally identify options and potential solutions to the CR
- CRs received three (3) weeks prior to the next scheduled CMP meeting will be presented at that CMP Meeting. CRs that are not submitted by the above specified cut-off date may be presented at that CMP meeting as a walk-on item with current status. The Originating CLEC will present its CR and provide any business reasons for the CR. Items or issues identified during the previously held Clarification Meeting will be relayed. Then, participating CLECs will be given the opportunity to comment on the CR and subsequent clarifications. Clarifications

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and/or modifications related to the CR will be incorporated. Qwest's SME will present options and potential solutions to the CR. consensus will be obtained from the participating CLECs as to the appropriate direction/solution for Qwest's SME to take in responding to the CR.

- Subsequently, Qwest will develop a draft response based on the discussion from the Monthly CMP Meeting. Qwest's Responses will be:
- “Accepted” (Qwest will implement the CLEC request) with position stated, or
- “Denied” (Qwest will not implement the CLEC request) with basis for the denial, including reference to substantiating material.

At least one (1) week prior to the next scheduled CMP meeting, The CRPM will have the response posted to the Web, added to CMP Database, and will notify all CLECs via email

All Qwest Responses will be presented at the next scheduled CMP meeting by Qwest, who will conduct a walk through of the response. Participating CLECs will be provided the opportunity to discuss, clarify and comment on Qwest's Response

Based on the comments received from the Monthly Meeting, Qwest' may revise its response and issue a modified response at the next monthly CMP meeting. within ten (10) business days after the CMP meeting, Qwest will notify the CLECs of Qwest's intent to modify its response.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response, any CLEC can elect to escalate the CR in accordance with he agreed upon CMP Escalation or dispute resolution Procedures. If the originating CLEC does not agree with the determination to escalate or pursue the dispute resolution, it may withdraw its participation from the CR and any other CLEC may become responsible for pursuing the CR upon providing written notice to the Qwest CMP manager.

If the CLECs do not accept Qwest's response and do not intend to escalate or dispute at the present time, they may request Qwest to status the CR as deferred. The CR will be statused Deferred and CLECs may activate or close the CR at a later date.

The CLECs' acceptance of Qwest's response may result in:

- The response answered the CR and no further action is required;
- The response provided an implementation plan for a product or process to be developed;
- Qwest Denied the CLEC CR and no further action is required by CLEC.

If the CLECs have accepted Qwest's response, Qwest will provide notice of planned implementation in accordance with time frames defined in the CMP. If necessary, Qwest may request that CLECs provide input during the development stage. Qwest will then deploy the Qwest recommended implementation plan.

After Qwest's revised/new product or process is placed into production, CLECs will have no longer than 60 calendar days to evaluate the effectiveness of Qwest's revised/new product, or

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process, provide feedback, and indicate whether further action is required. Continual process improvement will be maintained.

Finally, the CR will be closed when CLECs determine that no further action is required for that CR.

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## **4.0 INTRODUCTION OF A NEW OSS INTERFACE**

The process for introducing a new interface will be part of the CMP. Introduction of a new OSS interface may include an application-to-application or a Graphical User Interface (GUI).

It is recognized that the planning cycle for a new interface, of any type, may be greater than the time originally allotted and that discussions between CLECs and Qwest may be held prior to the announcement of the new interface.

With a new interface, CLECs and Qwest may define the scope of functionality introduced as part of the OSS Interface.

### **4.1 Introduction of a New Application-to-Application Interface**

At least nine (9) months in advance of the target implementation date of a new application-to-application interface, Qwest will issue a Release Announcement, post the Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan on Qwest's web site, and may host a design and development meeting.

#### **4.1.1 Release Announcement**

- Where practicable, the Release Announcement and Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan will include: Proposed functionality of the interface including whether the interface will replace an existing interface
- Proposed implementation time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC/Qwest comment cycle)
- Proposed meeting date to review the Preliminary Interface Implementation Plan
- Exceptions to industry guidelines/standards, if applicable
- Planned Implementation Date

#### **4.1.2 CLEC Comments/Qwest Response Cycle and Preliminary Implementation Plan Review Meeting**

CLECs have fourteen (14) calendar days from the initial release announcement to provide written comments/questions on the documentation. Qwest will respond with written answers to all CLEC issues within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the Initial Release Announcement. Qwest will review these issues and its implementation schedule at the Preliminary Implementation Plan Review Meeting approximately twenty-eight (28) calendar days after the Initial Release Announcement.

#### **4.1.3 Initial Interface Technical Specification**

Qwest will provide draft technical specifications at least one hundred twenty (120) calendar days prior to implementing the release. In addition, Qwest will confirm the schedule for the walk-through of technical specifications, CLEC comments, and Qwest response cycle.

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#### **4.1.4 Initial Notification Content**

This notification will contain:

- Purpose
- Logistical information (including a conference line) for walk-through
- Reference to draft technical specifications, or web site
- Additional pertinent material
- CLEC Comment/Qwest Response cycle
- Draft Connectivity and Firewall Rules
- Draft Test Plan

#### **4.1.5 Walk Through of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

Qwest will sponsor a walk through, including the appropriate internal subject matter experts (SMEs), beginning one-hundred and ten (110) calendar days prior to implementation and ending one-hundred and six (106) calendar days prior to implementation. A walk through will afford CLEC SMEs the opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific requirements with Qwest's technical team. CLECs are encouraged to invite their technical experts, systems architects, and designers, to attend the walk through.

#### **4.1.6 Conduct Walk-through**

Qwest will lead the review of technical specifications. Qwest technical experts will answer the CLEC SMEs' questions. Qwest will capture action items such as requests for further clarification. Qwest will follow-up on all action items.

#### **4.1.7 CLEC Comments on Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

If the CLEC identifies issues or requires clarification, the CLEC must send written comments/concerns to the Systems CMP Manager no later than one-hundred and four (104) calendar days prior to implementation.

#### **4.1.8 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will review and respond with written answers to all CLEC issues, comments/concerns and action items captured at the walk through, no later than one hundred (100) calendar days prior to implementation. The answers will be shared with all CLECs, unless the CLECs question(s) are marked proprietary. Any changes that may occur as a result of the responses will be distributed to all CLECs in the final notification letter. The notification will include the description of any change(s) made as a result of CLEC comments. The change(s) will be reflected in the final technical specifications.

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#### **4.1.9 Final Interface Technical Specifications**

Generally, no less than one hundred (100) calendar days prior to the implementation of the new interface, Qwest will issue the Final Release Requirements to CLECs via web site posting and a CLEC notification.

Final Release Requirements will include:

- Final Notification Letter, including:
  - Summary of changes from Qwest response to CLEC comments on Draft Technical Specifications
  - If applicable, Indication of type of change (e.g., documentation change, business rule change, clarification change)
  - Purpose
  - Reference to final technical specifications, or web site
  - Additional pertinent material
  - Final Connectivity and Firewall Rules
  - Final Test Plan (including Joint Testing Period)
  - Release date

Qwest's planned implementation date will not be sooner than one hundred (100) calendar days from the date of the final release requirements. The implementation time line for the release will not begin until final specifications are provided. Production Support type changes within the thirty (30) calendar day test window can occur without advance notification but will be posted within 24 hours of the change.

#### **4.2 Introduction of a New GUI**

Qwest will issue a Release Notification forty-five (45) calendar days in advance of the Release Production Date. This will include:

- Proposed functionality of the interface including whether the new interface will replace an existing interface.
- Implementation time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC/Qwest comment cycle, Interface overview date)
- Implementation date
- Logistics for GUI Interface Overview
- At least twenty-eight (28) calendar days in advance of the target implementation date of a new GUI interface, Qwest will issue a Release Announcement. At a minimum, the Release Announcement will include Draft User Guide
- How and When Training will be administered

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#### **4.2.1 Interface Overview**

The Interface Overview meeting should be held no later than twenty-seven (27) calendar days prior to the Release Production Date. At the meeting, Qwest will present an overview of the new interface.

#### **4.2.2 CLEC Comments and Qwest Response**

At least twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to the Release Production Date. CLECs must forward their written comments and concerns to Qwest. Qwest will consider CLEC comments and may address them with the release of the Final Notification.

#### **4.2.3 Final Notification**

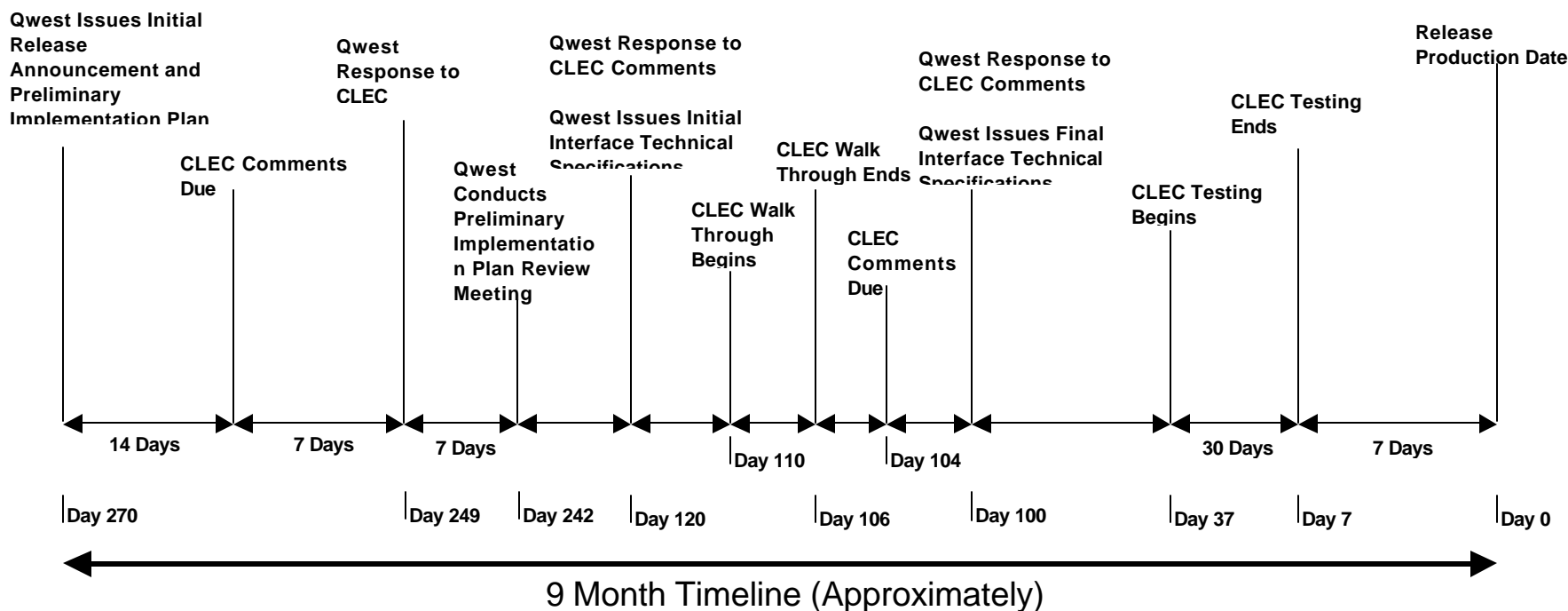
Qwest will issue a final notice no less than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Release Production date. The final notice will include:

- A summary of changes from the initial notice, including type of changes (e.g., documentation change, clarification, business rule change).
- Final User Guide
- Final Training information
- Final Implementation date.

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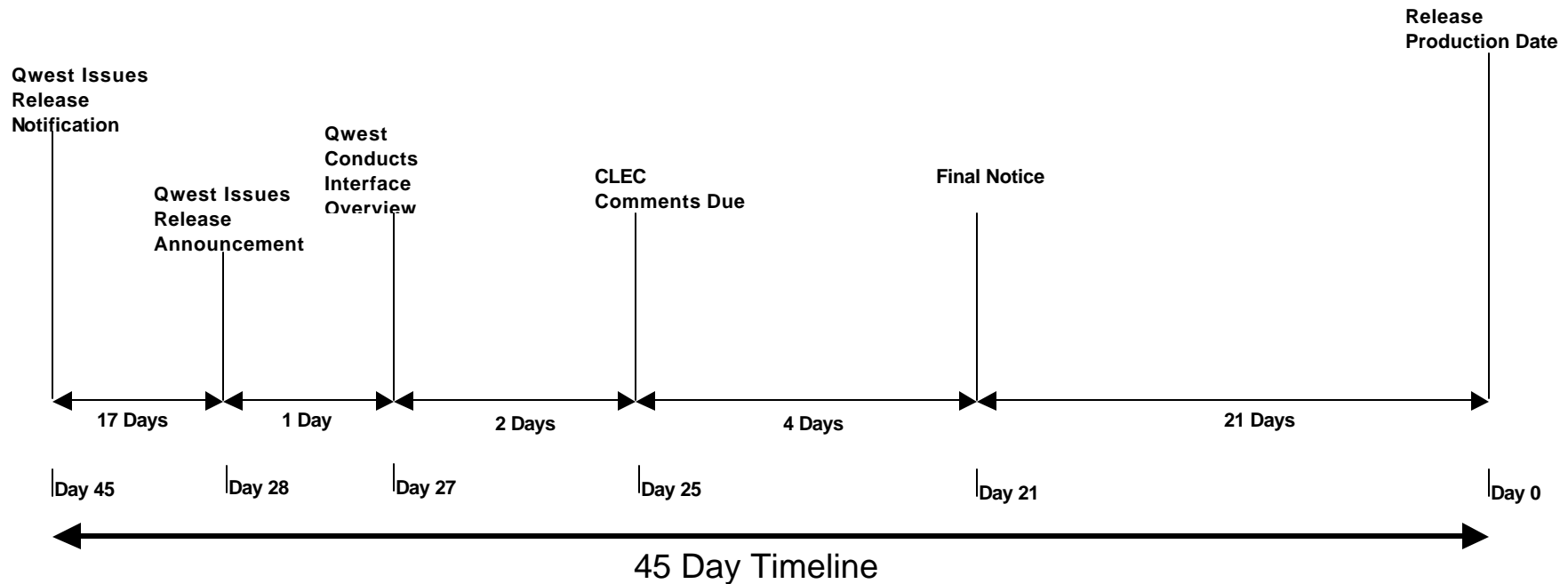


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## **5.0 CHANGE TO EXISTING OSS INTERFACES**

At the first CMP systems monthly meeting of each quarter, Qwest will also provide a rolling twelve (12) month view of its OSS interface development schedule.

Qwest standard operating practice is to implement 3 major releases and 3 point releases (for IMA only) within a calendar year. Unless mandated as a Regulatory Change, Qwest will implement no more than four (4) releases per IMA OSS Interface requiring coding changes to the CLEC interfaces within a calendar year. The Major release changes should occur no less than three (3) months apart.

### **Application-to-Application OSS Interface**

Qwest will support the previous major Interconnect Mediated Access (IMA) EDI release for six (6) months after the subsequent major IMA EDI release has been implemented. Past versions of IMA EDI will only be modified as a result of production support changes. All other changes become candidates for future IMA EDI releases.

Qwest makes one version of the Electronic Bonding-Trouble Administration (EBTA) and billing interfaces available at any given time, and will not support any previous versions.

### **Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

Qwest makes one version of a GUI available at any given time and will not support any previous versions. IMA GUI changes for a pre-order or ordering will be implemented at the same time as an IMA EDI release.

## **5.1 Application-to-Application Interface**

This section describes the timelines that Qwest, and any CLEC choosing to implement on the Qwest Release Production Date (date the Qwest release is available for use (AT&T Comment) by CLECs), will adhere to in changing existing interfaces. <sup>2</sup>For any CLEC not choosing to implement on the Qwest Release Production Date, Qwest and the CLEC will negotiate a mutually agreed to CLEC implementation time line, including testing.

### **5.1.1 Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

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<sup>2</sup> For a CLEC converting from a prior release, the CLEC implementation date can be no earlier than the weekend after the Qwest Release Production Date, if production LSR conversion is required.

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Prior to Qwest implementing a change to an existing interface, Qwest will notify CLECs of the draft Technical Specifications. Qwest will provide draft technical specifications at least seventy-three (73) calendar days prior to implementing the release unless the exception process (see Section xx) has been invoked. Technical specifications are documents that provide information the CLECs need to code the interface. CLECs have eighteen (18) calendar days from the initial publication of draft technical specifications to provide written comments/questions on the documentation.

### **5.1.2 Content of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

The Notification letter will contain:

- Written summary of change(s)
- Target time frame for implementation

Draft Technical Specifications documentation, or instructions on how to access the draft Technical Specifications documentation on the Web site.

### **5.1.3 Walk Through of Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

Qwest will sponsor a walk through, including the appropriate internal subject matter experts (SMEs), beginning sixty-eight (68) calendar days prior to implementation and ending no less than fifty-eight (58) calendar days prior to implementation. A walk through will afford CLEC SMEs the opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific requirements with Qwest's technical team. CLECs are encouraged to invite their technical experts, systems architects, and designers, to attend the walk through.

#### **5.1.3.1 Walk through Notification Content**

This notification will contain:

- Purpose
- Logistical information (including a conference line)
- Reference to draft technical specifications, or reference to a web site with draft specifications
- Additional pertinent material

#### **5.1.3.2 Conduct the Walk-through**

Qwest will lead the review of technical specifications. Qwest technical experts will answer the CLEC SMEs' questions. Qwest will capture action items such as requests for further clarification. Qwest will follow-up on all action items and notify CLECs of responses 45 calendar days prior to implementation.

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#### **5.1.4 CLEC’s Comments on Draft Interface Technical Specifications**

If the CLEC identifies issues or requires clarification, the CLEC must send written comments to the Systems CMP Manager no less than fifty-five (55) calendar days prior to implementation.

#### **5.1.5 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will review and respond with written answers to all CLEC issues, comments/concerns no less than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to implementation. The answers will be shared with all CLECs, unless the CLECs question(s) are marked proprietary. Any changes that may occur as a result of the responses will be distributed to all CLECs in the same notification letter. The notification will include the description of any change(s) made as a result of CLEC comments. The change(s) will be reflected in the final technical specifications.

#### **5.1.6 Final Interface Technical Specifications**

The notification letter resulting from the CLEC’s comments from the Initial Release Notification will constitute the Final Technical Specifications. After the Final Technical Specifications are published, there may be other changes made to documentation or the coding that is documented in the form of addenda. The following is a high level overview of the current disclosure, release and addendum process:

- Draft Developer Worksheets -- 45 days prior to a release the draft Developer Worksheets are made available to the CLEC’s.
- Final Disclosure – 5 weeks prior to a release the Final Disclosure documents, including I charts and developer worksheets are made available to the CLECs.
- Release Day – On release day only those CLECs using the IMA GUI are required to cut over to the new release.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Addendum – 2 weeks after the release the 1<sup>st</sup> addendum is sent to the CLECs.
- Subsequent Addendum’s – Subsequent addendum’s are sent to the CLECs after the release as needed. There is no current process and timeline.
- EDI CLECs – 6 months after the release those CLECs using EDI are required to cut over to the new release. CLECs are not required to support all new releases.

#### **5.1.7 Content of Final Notification Letter**

The Final Release will include the following:

- Reference to Final Technical Specifications, or web site
- Qwest response to CLEC comments
- Summary of changes from the prior release, including any changes made as a result of CLEC comments on Draft Technical Specifications
- Indication of type of change (e.g., documentation change, business rule change, clarification change)

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- Final Joint Test Plan including transactions which have changed
- Joint Testing Period
- Release date

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### **5.1.8 Joint Testing Period**

Qwest will provide a thirty (30) day test window for any CLEC who desires to jointly test with Qwest prior to the Release Production Date.

## **5.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

### **5.2.1 Draft GUI Release Notice**

Prior to implementation of a change to an existing interface, Qwest will notify CLECs of the draft release notes and the planned implementation date.

Notification will occur at least twenty-eight (28) calendar days prior to implementing the release unless an exception process has been invoked. This notification will include draft user guide information if necessary.

CLECs must provide comments/questions on the documentation no less than twenty-five (25) calendar days prior to implementation.

Final notice for the release will be published at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to production release date.

### **5.2.2 Content of Draft Interface Release Notice**

The notification will contain:

- Written summary of change(s)
- Target time frame for implementation
- Any cross-reference to draft documentation such as the user guide or revised user guide pages.

### **5.2.3 CLEC Comments on Draft Interface Release Notice**

Any CLEC comments must be submitted in writing to the Systems CMP Manager.

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#### **5.2.4 Qwest Response to Comments**

Qwest will consider CLEC comments and may address them in the final GUI release notice within four (4) calendar days **after receipt of CLEC comments.**

#### **5.2.5 Content of Final Interface release Notice**

CLEC comments to the draft notice may be incorporated into the final notice, which shall include:

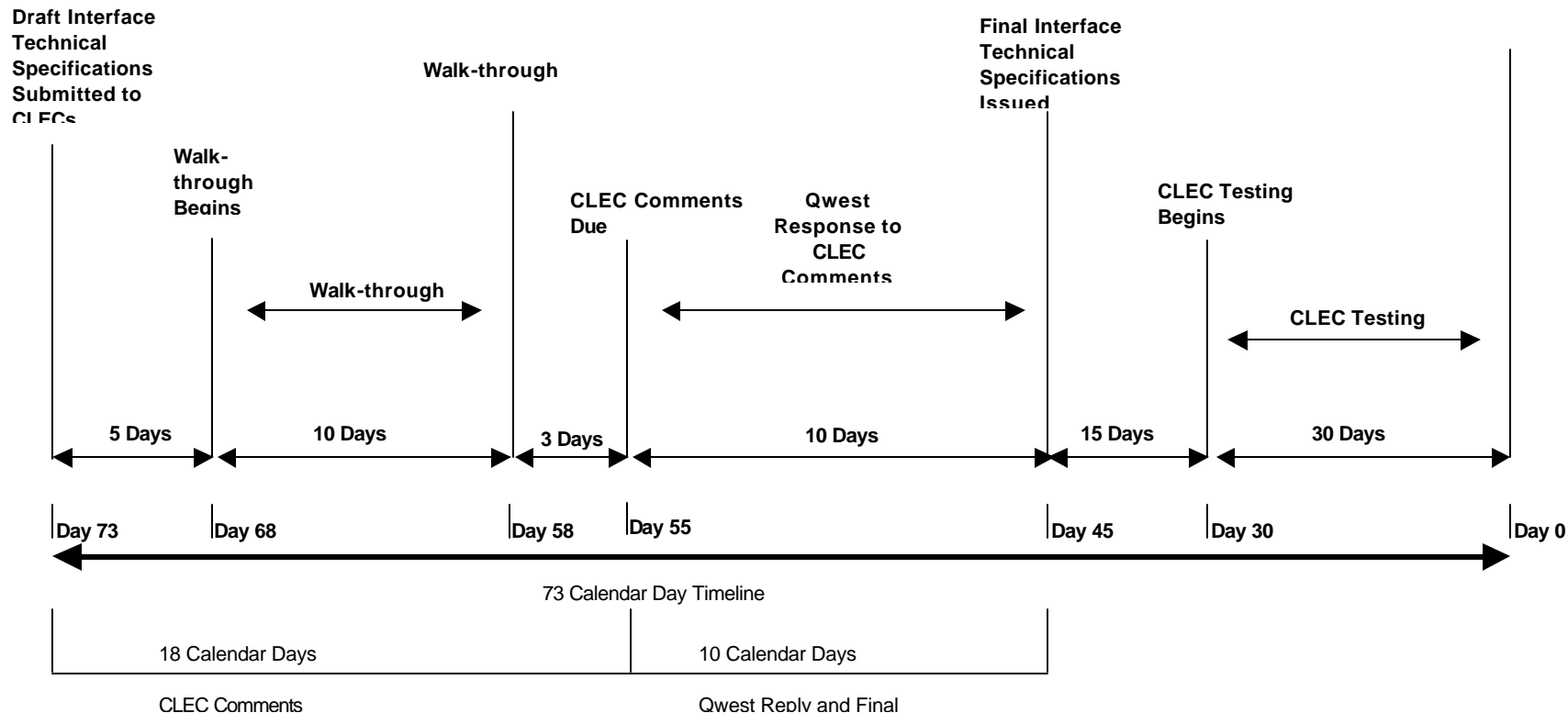
- Final notification letter
- Summary of changes from draft interface release notice
- Final user guide (or revised pages)
- Release date

Qwest's planned implementation date will be no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of the final release notice. Qwest will post this information on the CMP web site. Production support type changes that occur without advance notification will be posted within 24 hours of the change. The implementation time line for the release will not begin until all related documentation is provided.

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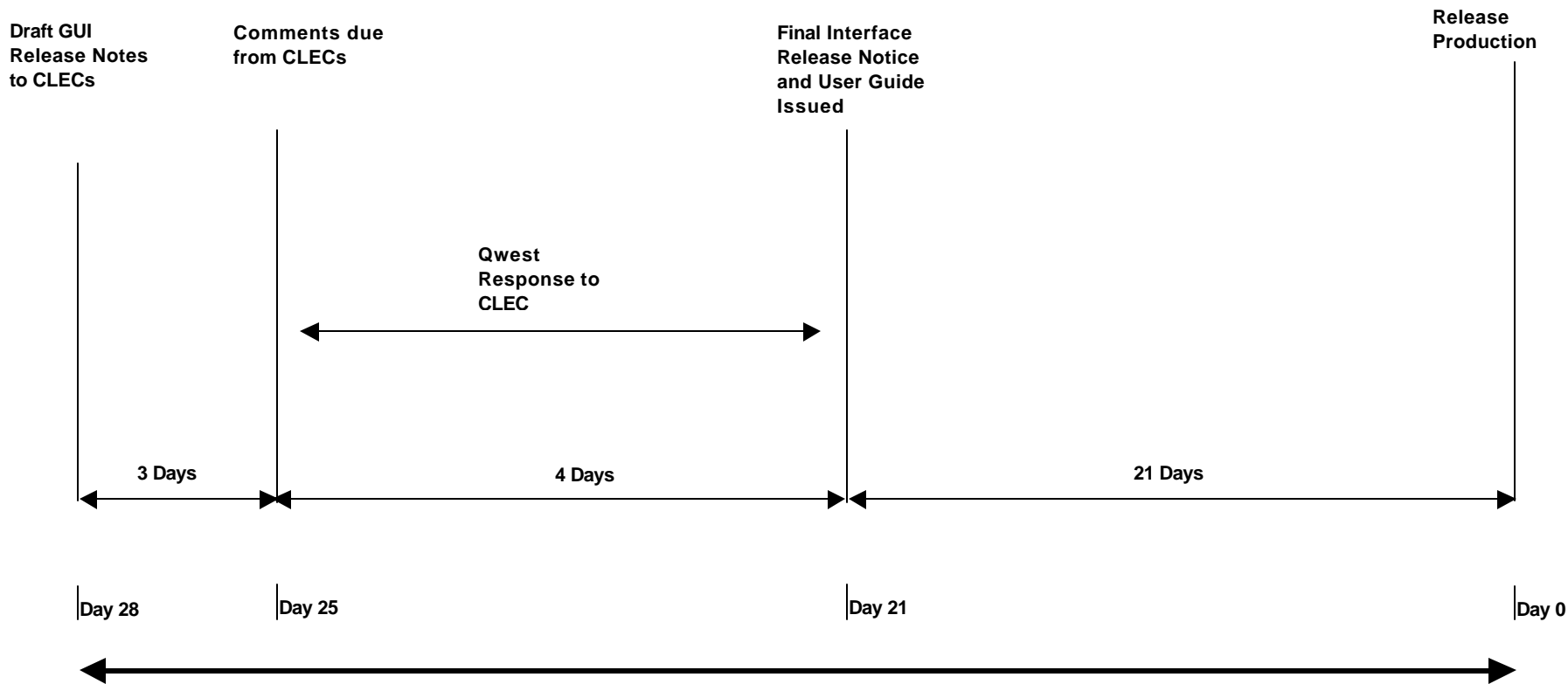


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## **6.0 RETIREMENT OF EXISTING OSS INTERFACES**

The retirement of an existing OSS Interface occurs when Qwest ceases to accept transactions using a specific OSS Interface. This may include the removal of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) or a protocol transmission of information (Application-to-Application) interface.

### **6.1 Application-to-Application OSS Interface**

#### **6.1.1 Initial Retirement Plans**

At least nine (9) months before the retirement date of Application-to-Application interfaces, Qwest will share the retirement plans via web site posting and CLEC notification. The scheduled new interface is to be in a CLEC certified production release prior to the retirement of the older interface.

Alternatively, Qwest may choose to retire an interface if there is no CLEC usage of that interface for the most recent three (3) consecutive months. Qwest will provide thirty (30) calendar day notification of the retirement via web posting and CLEC notification.

#### **6.1.2 Initial Retirement Notice to CLECs:**

Initial Retirement Notices will include:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface
- Available alternative interface options for existing functionality
- The proposed detailed retirement time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC-Qwest comment and response cycle)
- Targeted retirement date

#### **6.1.3 CLEC Comments to Initial Retirement Notice**

CLEC comments to the Initial Retirement Notice are due to Qwest no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the Initial Retirement Notice.

#### **6.1.4 Comparable Functionality**

Unless otherwise agreed to by Qwest and a CLEC user, when Qwest announces the retirement of an interface for which a comparable interface does or will exist, a CLEC user will not be permitted to commence building to the retiring interface. CLEC users of the retiring interface will be grandfathered until the retirement of the interface. Qwest will ensure that an interface with comparable functionality is available no less than six months prior to retirement of an Application-to-Application interface.

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### **6.1.5 Final Retirement Notice**

The Final Retirement Notice will be provided to CLECs no later than two-hundred and twenty-eight (228) calendar days prior to the retirement of the application-to-application interface. The Final Retirement Notice will contain:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface (e.g., no usage or replacement)
- If applicable, where the replacement functionality will reside in a new interface and when the new interface has been certified by a CLEC
- Qwest's responses to CLECs' comments/concerns
- Actual retirement date

## **6.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

### **6.2.1 Initial Retirement Plans**

At least two (2) months in advance of the target retirement date of a GUI, Qwest will share the retirement plans via web site posting and CLEC notification. The scheduled new interface is to be in a CLEC certified production release prior to the retirement of the older interface.

Alternatively, Qwest may choose to retire an interface if there is no CLEC usage of that interface for the most recent three (3) consecutive months. Qwest will provide thirty (30) calendar day notification of the retirement via web posting and CLEC notification.

### **6.2.2 Initial Retirement Notice to CLECs:**

Initial Retirement Notices will include:

- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface
- Available alternative interface options for existing functionality
- The proposed detailed retirement time line (e.g., milestone dates, CLEC-Qwest comment and response cycle)
- Targeted retirement date

### **6.2.3 CLEC Comments to Initial Retirement Notice**

CLEC comments to the Initial Retirement Notice are due to Qwest no later than fifteen (15) calendar days following the Initial Retirement Notice.

### **6.2.4 Comparable Functionality**

Qwest will ensure comparable functionality no less than thirty-one (31) days before retirement of a GUI.

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### **6.2.5 Final Retirement Notice**

The Final Retirement Notice will be provided to CLECs no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days following the initial retirement notice for GUI retirements. The Final Retirement Notice will contain:

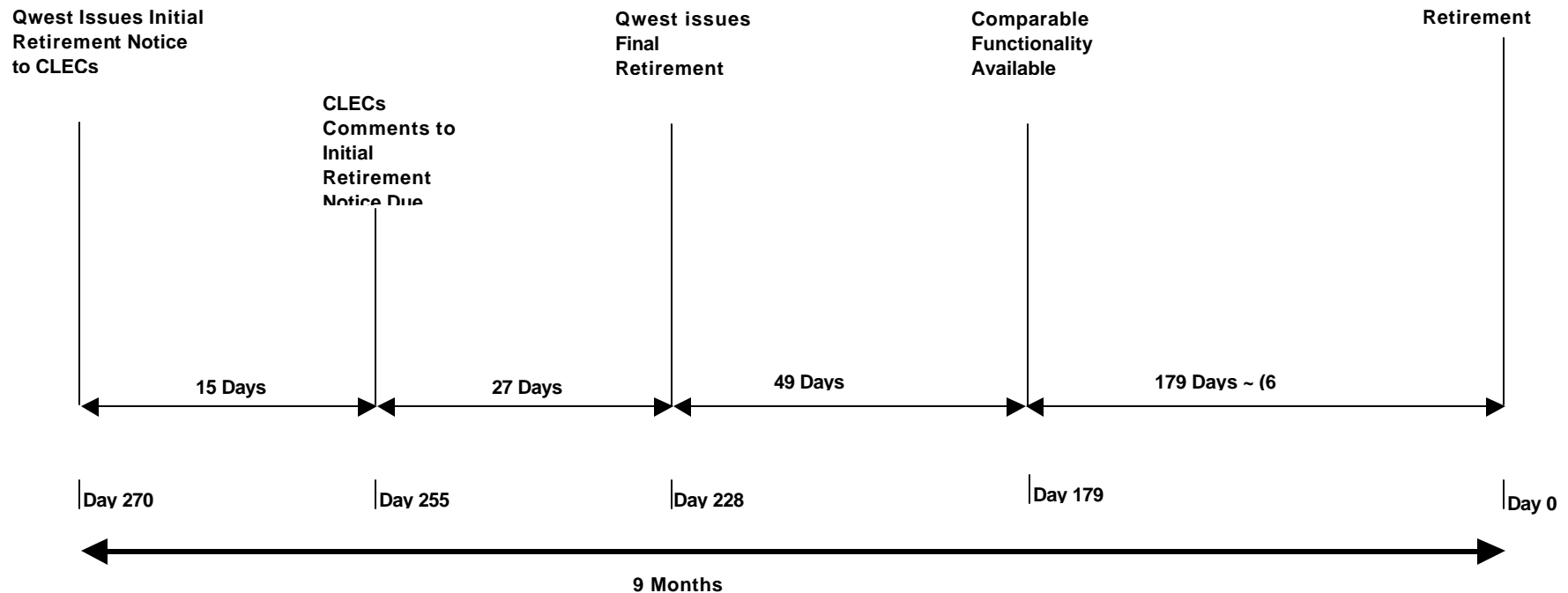
- The rationale for retiring the OSS Interface (e.g., no usage or replacement)
- If applicable, where the replacement functionality will reside in a new interface and when the new interface has been certified by a CLEC
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## Qwest-CLEC Change Management Process Retirement of An Existing Application-to-Application OSS Interface

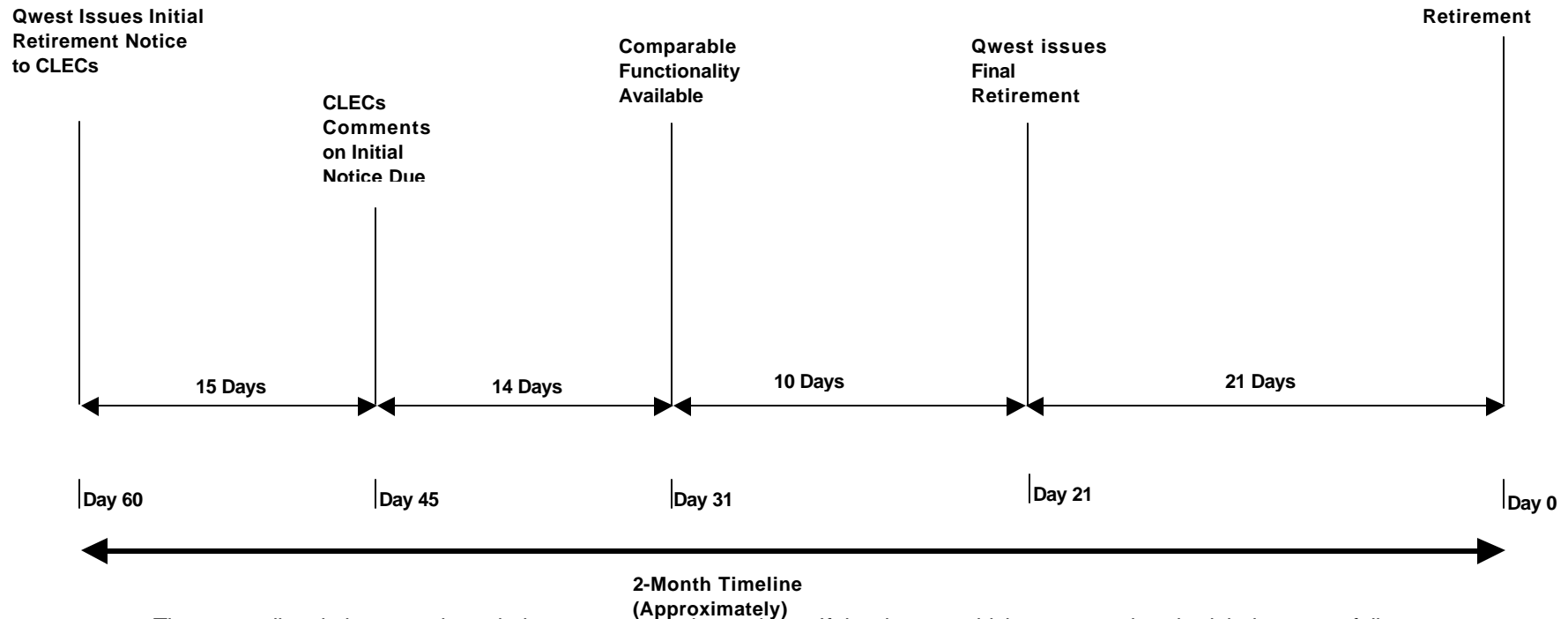


The events listed above are intended to occur on business days. If the date on which any event is scheduled to occur falls on a weekend or holiday, then Qwest and the CLECs may negotiate a revised timeline.

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## Qwest-CLEC Change Management Process Retirement of An Existing Graphic User Interface Timeline



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## **7.0 MANAGING THE CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

### **7.1 Change Management POC**

Qwest and each CLEC will designate primary and secondary change management POC(s) who will serve as the official designees for matters regarding this CMP. The primary POC is the official voting member, and a secondary (alternate) POC can vote in the absence of the primary POC for each CLEC. CLECs and Qwest will exchange POC information including items such as:

- Name
- Title
- Company
- Telephone number
- E-mail address
- Fax number
- Cell phone/Pager number

### **7.2 Change Management POC List**

Primary and secondary CLEC POCs should be included in the Qwest maintained distribution list. It is the CLECs responsibility to notify Qwest of any POC changes. The list will be made available to all participating CLECs with the permission of the POCs.

### **7.3 Preferred Method of Communication**

The preferred method of communication is e-mail with supporting information posted to the web site.

### **7.4 Governing Body**

*The change management organizational structure must support the CMP. Each position within the organization has defined roles and responsibilities as outlined below.*

*CMP Team: Representatives are from the CLECs (or their authorized agents) and Qwest. This team meets monthly to review, prioritize, and make recommendations for change management requests. The change management requests are used as input to internal change management processes.*

*CMP Steering Committee: The CMP Steering Committee consists of representatives from the CLECs and Qwest who will be responsible for managing compliance to the CMP document. The responsibilities of the CMP Steering Committee are:*

- *On-going commitment*

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- *Participation in change management meetings/conference calls*
- *Reviewing changes/suggestions to the CMP document for submittal to OBF*
- *Process improvements*
- *Managing meeting schedule/logistics*

*A standing agenda item at the regular change management meetings will provide an opportunity for Qwest and CLECs to assess the effectiveness of the CMP. Both the CLECs and Qwest will use this opportunity to provide feedback of instances of non-compliance and commit to taking appropriate action(s).*

*Provider POC: Qwest POC is responsible for managing the CMP. Qwest POC will be responsible for maintaining the integrity of the change requests, preparing for and facilitating review meetings, presenting change requests to Qwest's internal CMP, and ensuring that all notifications are communicated to the appropriate parties.*

*CLEC POC: The CLEC POC will serve as the official designee for all matters regarding CMP, including:*

- *Submission of CLEC change request forms*
- *Notification of critical matters, such as Type 1 errors*

*Release Management Team: A team of CLEC and provider representatives who manage the implementation of scheduled releases.*

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## **8.0 MEETINGS**

Change Management meetings will be conducted on a regularly scheduled basis, at least on a monthly basis. Meeting participants can choose to attend meetings in person or participate by conference call.

Meetings are held to review, prioritize, manage the implementation of process and system changes and address change management requests. Qwest will review the status of all applicable change requests. The meeting may also include discussions of Qwest's development view.

CLEC's request for additional agenda items and associated materials should be submitted to Qwest at least five (5) business days by noon (MST) in advance of the meeting. Qwest is responsible for distributing the agenda and associated meeting materials at least three (3) business days by noon (MST) in advance of the meeting. Qwest will be responsible for preparing, maintaining, and distributing meeting minutes. Attendees with any walk-on items should bring materials of the walk-on items to the meeting.

All attendees, whether in person or by phone, must identify themselves and the company they represent.

Additional meetings may be held at the request of Qwest or any qualified CLEC (as defined in this document). Meeting notification must contain an agenda plus any supporting meeting materials. These meetings should be announced at least five (5) business days prior to their occurrence. Exceptions may be made for emergency situations.

### **8.1 Meeting Materials [Distribution Package] for Change Management Meeting**

Meeting materials should include the following information:

- Meeting Logistics
- Minutes from previous meeting
- Agenda
- Change Requests and responses
  - New/Active
  - Updated
  - Log
- Issues, Action Items Log and associated statuses
- Release Summary 12 Month Development View
- Monthly System Outage Report
- Any other material to be discussed

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Qwest will provide Meeting Materials (Distribution Package) electronically by noon 3 business days prior to the Monthly CMP Meeting. In addition, Qwest will provide hard copies of the Distribution Package at the Monthly CMP Meeting.

## **8.2 Meeting Minutes for Change Management Meeting**

Qwest will take minutes. Qwest will summarize discussions in meeting minutes and include any revised documents such as Issues, Action items and statuses.

Minutes should be distributed to meeting participants for comments or revisions no later than five (5) business days by noon (MST) after the meeting. CLEC comments should be provided within two (2) business days by noon (MST). Revised minutes, if CLEC comments are received, should be distributed within nine (9) business days by noon (MST) after the meeting.

## **8.3 Qwest Wholesale CMP Web Site**

To facilitate access to CMP documentation, Qwest will maintain CMP information on its web site. The web site should be easy to use and updated in a timely manner. The Web site should be a well organized central repository for CLEC notifications and CMP documentation. Active documentation including meeting materials (Distribution Package), should be maintained on the website. Change Requests and release notifications should be identified in accordance with the agreed upon naming convention, to facilitate ease of identification. [action item #] Qwest will maintain closed and old versions of documents on the web site's Archive page for 18 months before storing off line. Information that has been removed from the web site can be obtained by contacting the appropriate Qwest CMP Manager. At a minimum, the CMP web site will include:

- Current version of Qwest CMP document describing CMP's purpose and scope of setting forth the CMP objectives, procedures, and timelines, including release life cycles.
- Calendar of release dates
- OSS hours of availability
- Links to related web sites, such as IMA EDI, IMA GUI, CEMR, and Notices
- Current CMP escalation process
- CMP prioritization process description and guidelines
- Change Request form and instructions to complete form
- Submitted and open Change Requests and the status of each
- Responses to Change Requests and written responses to CLEC inquiries
- Meeting (formal and informal) information for CMP monthly meetings and interim meetings or conference calls, including descriptions of meetings and participants, agendas, sign-up forms, and schedules
- A log of CLEC and Qwest change requests and associated statuses
- Meeting materials (distribution package)
- Meeting minutes

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- Release announcements and other CLEC notifications and associated requirements
- Directory to CLEC notifications for the month
- Business rules, SATE test case scenarios technical specifications, and user guides will be provided via links on the CMP web site.
- Contact information for the CMP POC list, including CLEC, Qwest and other participants (with participant consent to publish contact information on web page).

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## **9.0 PRIORITIZATION**

Each OSS Interface and Test Environment release is prioritized separately. If the Systems CMP Change Requests for any interface or test environment do not exceed release capacity, no prioritization for that release is required. The prioritization process provides an opportunity for CLECs to prioritize CLEC and Qwest originated OSS Interface change requests (CRs). CLEC or Qwest originated CRs for introduction of a new interface or retirement of an existing interface are not subject to prioritization and will follow the introduction or retirement processes outlined in Sections 4.0 and 6.0, respectively.

### **9.1 Regulatory and Industry Guideline Change Requests**

Regulatory and Industry Guideline changes, are defined in Section 2.0. , Separate procedures are required for prioritization of CRs requesting Regulatory and Industry Guideline changes to ensure that Qwest can comply with the recommended or required implementation date, if any. The process for determining whether a CR is Regulatory Change or Industry guideline is set forth in section 3.1.

Qwest will send CLECs a notice when it posts Regulatory or Industry Guideline CRs to the Web and identify when comments are due, as described in Section 3.1. Regulatory and Industry Guideline CRs will also be identified in the CMP Systems Monthly Meeting Distribution Package.

#### **9.1.1 Regulatory Changes**

For Regulatory Changes, Qwest will implement changes no later than the time specified in the legislation, regulatory requirement, court ruling, or PAP. If no time is specified, Qwest will implement the change as soon as practicable. For Regulatory changes arising from a PAP, Qwest will implement changes no later than the date on which the applicable standard becomes effective (Highlighted text indicates impasse issue).

Regulatory CRs will be ranked with all other CRs. If the implementation date for a Regulatory CR requires all or a part of the change to be included in the upcoming Major Release, the CR will not be subject to ranking and will be automatically included in that Major Release.

#### **9.1.2 Industry Guideline Changes**

For Industry Guideline changes, Qwest will use the national implementation timeline, if any. If no national implementation timeline is specified, Qwest will implement any related changes as soon as practicable, taking into account the benefit of the guideline change and CLEC input regarding the implementation timeline.

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Industry Guideline CRs will be ranked with all other CRs. If the recommended implementation date for a Industry Guideline CR requires all or a part of the change to be included in the upcoming Major Release, the CR will not be subject to ranking and will be automatically included in that Major Release, unless Qwest and CLECs unanimously agree otherwise.

### **9.1.3 Regulatory and Industry Guideline Change Implementation**

When more than one Major Release is scheduled before the mandated or recommended implementation date for a Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR, Qwest will present information to CLECs regarding any technical, practical, or development cycle considerations, as part of the CR review and up to the packaging options, that may affect Qwest's ability to implement the CR in any particular Major Release. At the monthly CMP meeting where the Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR is presented, Qwest will advise CLECs of the possible scheduled releases in which Qwest could implement the CR and the CLECs and Qwest will determine how to allocate those CRs among the available Major Releases, taking into account the information provided by Qwest regarding technical, practical, and/or development considerations. If the Regulatory or Industry Guideline CR is not included in a prior release, it will be implemented in the latest release specified by Qwest.

## **9.2 Prioritization Process**

### **9.2.1 Prioritization Review**

At the last Monthly Systems CMP Meeting before Prioritization, Qwest will facilitate a Prioritization Review including a discussion for all CRs eligible<sup>3</sup> [define in terms #248] for prioritization in a major release. Qwest will distribute all materials five (5) calendar days prior to the prioritization review. The materials will include:

- Agenda
- Summary document of all CR candidates eligible for prioritization. (see Appendix A - Sample – IMA 10.0 Candidates for Prioritization List)

Both CLECs and Qwest should have appropriate subject matter experts in attendance at the Prioritization Review. The review and discussion meetings are open to all CLECs.

The Prioritization Review objectives are to:

- Introduce newly initiated CLEC and Qwest OSS Interface and test environment change requests.

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<sup>3</sup> Eligible CR's are Qwest and CLEC initiated CR's as defined in Section X . **[AT&T Comment: this will change depending on how we resolve regulatory and industry guideline changes]**

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- Allow CLECs and Qwest to prioritize eligible OSS Interface or test environment change requests by providing specific input as to the relative importance that CLECs, as a group, and Qwest assign to each such change request.

## **9.2.2 Ranking**

Within three (3) business days following the CMP Meeting that includes the Prioritization Review, Qwest will distribute the Prioritization Form for ranking. Ranking should be conducted according to the following guidelines:

- Each CLEC and Qwest may submit one numbered ranking of the Release Candidate List. The ranking must be submitted by the primary Point of Contact (POC, the secondary POC, or CMP Team Representative. The ranking will be submitted to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager in accordance with the guidelines described in Section 9.1.3 below. Refer to Sample – IMA 11.0 Prioritization List
- Qwest and each CLEC ranks each change request on the Release Candidate List by providing a point value from 1 through n, where n is the total quantity of CRs. The highest point value should be assigned to the CR that Qwest and CLECs wish to be implemented first. The total points will be calculated by the Qwest Systems CMP Manager and the results will be distributed to the CLECs in accordance with the Prioritization Process described in Section 9.1.3 below. Refer to Sample – IMA 11.0 Initial Prioritization Form.

## **9.2.3 Ranking Tabulation**

CLECs and Qwest who choose to vote must submit their completed Prioritization Form via e-mail within three (3) business days following Qwest's distribution of the Prioritization Form. Within two (2) business days following the submission of ranking, Qwest will tabulate all rankings and email the resulting Initial Prioritization List to the CLECs. The results will be announced at the next scheduled CMP Monthly Meeting. Prioritization is based on the results of the votes received by the deadline. Based on the outcome of the final ranking of the CR candidates, an Initial Prioritization List is produced. Qwest will place in order the candidates based on the ranking responses received by the deadline.

## **9.3 Special Change Request Process (SCRP)**

In the event that a Systems CR is not ranked high enough in prioritization for inclusion in the next Release, the CR originator may elect to invoke the CMP Special Change Request Process (SCRP) as described in this section. The SCRP does not supercede the process defined in Section 3.0 (Change Request Initiation Process).

To invoke the SCRP, the CR originator must send an e-mail to the Qwest CMP SCRП mailbox (URL TBD). The subject line of the e-mail message must include:

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- “SCRIP REQUEST”
- CR originator's company name
- CR number and title

The text of the e-mail message must include a description of the CR, CR originator's name, phone number, and e-mail address, and the circumstances which have necessitated the invocation of the SCRIP.

Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete SCRIP e-mail with a confirmation e-mail no later than two (2) business days following receipt of the SCRIP e-mail. If the SCRIP e-mail does not contain the required information, Qwest will notify the originator within two (2) business days following receipt of the SCRIP e-mail requesting information not included in the original SCRIP e-mail. When the SCRIP e-mail is complete, the confirmation e-mail will include:

- Date and time of receipt of complete SCRIP e-mail
- Date and time of confirmation e-mail
- SCRIP title and number
- The name, telephone number and e-mail of the Qwest contact assigned to process the SCRIP

Within ten (10) business days after the confirmation e-mail, Qwest will schedule and hold a meeting to work with the SCRIP Originator to prepare the SCRIP form.

[Additional input to consider] SCRIP may be invoked prior to prioritization. Analysis on the cost would be done for a fee. CLEC may decide to invoke SCRIP process up to 5 days after prioritization results are posted. If the estimate increases, Qwest will communicate the cost increase. If the CLEC chooses to cancel the request during the process, the CLEC will pay all costs incurred by Qwest up to that point.

This form shall be accompanied by the non-refundable Processing Fee specified in Attachment X. The form will request, and the originator will need to provide the following information as well as any additional information that may be helpful in describing and analyzing SCRIP originator's request:

- [Information TBD]

As soon as feasible, but in any case within (x) business days after receipt of a completed SCRIP form, Qwest will provide the SCRIP originator with a SCRIP quote. The SCRIP quote will, at a minimum, include the following information:

- A description of the work to be performed
- Development costs
- Targeted release
- [Additional elements TBD]Qwest agrees with AT&T Comments

The SCRIP originator has (x) business days, upon receipt of the SCRIP quote, to either agree to purchase under the quoted price or cancel its SCRIP.

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Once development work has begun, if at any time the SCRP originator decides to cancel the SCRP, the SCRP originator will pay Qwest's reasonable development costs incurred in providing the requested functionality.

All time intervals within which a response is required from one Party to another under this Section are maximum time intervals. Each Party agrees that it will provide all responses in writing to the other Party as soon as the Party has the information and analysis required to respond, even if the time interval stated herein for a response is not over.

The foregoing process applies to Qwest and CLEC originated CRs. In the event a Qwest CR is submitted through this process, Qwest agrees that it will not divert IT resources available to work on the systems CRs for the next Release to support Qwest's SCRP request. Like CLECs, Qwest will have to apply separate, additional resources to CR it seeks to implement through the SCRP.

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RANK	TOTAL POINT VALUE	CR Number	Title	Company	Interface	Products Impacted	Shirt Size	Est LOE Min	Est LOE Max	Original List #
1	251	SCR013102-15	LSOG 6 - Upgrade Field Numbering and Naming to Existing Qwest Forms & EDI Maps <b>(FOUNDATION CANDIDATE)</b> <b>(NOTE: Per February CMP Meeting Discussion, this CR should be ranked higher than all other LSOG 6 Change Requests)</b>	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Extra Large	5501	8000	32
2	231	SCR013002-8	Flowthrough on Sup 2 Category Due Date	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products except Designed Products	Large	3001	5500	17
3	227	SCR101901-1	Allow customers to move and change local service providers at the same time. <b>(NOTE: Per February CMP Meeting Discussion, this CR should be ranked higher than #26)</b>	Eschelon	IMA Common	Centrex Resale, UNE-P	Extra Large	5500	8000	35
4	214	31766	Reject Duplicate LSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Medium	751	3000	6
5	211	SCR013002-3	IMA Pre-Order - Use CCNA to retrieve a Design Layout Report (DLR)	Qwest	IMA Common		Medium	751	3000	14

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Assigned Point Value (see instructions)	#	CR Number	Title	Company	Interface	Products Impacted	Shirt Size	Est LOE Min	Est LOE Max
	1	24652	Unbundled DID/PBX Trunk Port Facility move from LS to PS	Qwest	IMA Common	Unbundled PID/PBX Trunk Port	Medium	751	3000
	2	25091	DSL Flowthrough - Re-Branding	Qwest	IMA Common	DSL	Large	3001	5500
	3	26636	Shared Loop Enhancements	Qwest	IMA Common	Shared Loop	Medium	751	3000
	4	30212	Add New UNE-P PAL to IMA	Qwest	IMA Common	UNE-P PAL	Large	3001	5500
	5	30215	Wholesale Local Exchange Freeze Based on CSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All	Large	3001	5500
	6	31766	Reject Duplicate LSRs	Qwest	IMA Common	All Products	Medium	751	3000
	7	5043011	Add an online glossary of the field title abbreviations to help menu of IMA GUI	Eschelon	IMA GUI	All Products	Medium	751	3000
	8	5043076	Create a separate field for line numbers in EDI responses	Eschelon	IMA EDI		Large	3001	5500
	9	5206704	Add OCn capable loop LSR to IMA	ELI	IMA Common	DS1, DS3 & OCn Loop Orders	Large	3001	5500
	10	5405937	CLECs require availability to view completed LSR information in IMA GUI	Verizon	IMA GUI	Resale	Large	3001	5500
	11	5498578	Ability to send dual CFA information on an LSR for HDSL orders	WorldCom	IMA Common	HDSL	Small	201	750
	12	SCR010902-1	Limited IMA GUI Access for Pre-Order Transactions Only	McLeodUSA	IMA GUI	All	Medium	751	3000
	13	SCR012202-1	Incorrect Consolidation of DR5 USOC in IMA	Qwest	IMA Common	ISDN PRI	Medium	751	3000
	14	SCR013002-3	IMA Pre-Order - Use CCNA to retrieve a Design Layout Report	Qwest	IMA Common		Medium	751	3000

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15	SCR013002-4	Revision of TOS field in IMA	Qwest	IMA GUI	UNE-P, Resale	Medium	751	3000
16	SCR013002-5	PIC Freeze Documentation	Qwest	IMA Common	Resale, UNE	Medium	751	3000

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## Sample - IMA 11.0 Initial Prioritization Form Instructions

<b>Ranking should be conducted according to the following guidelines:</b>											
Each CLEC and Qwest may submit one numbered ranking of the Release Candidate List.											
The ranking must be submitted by the primary Point of Contact (POC), the secondary POC, or CMP Team Representative.											
The ranking will be submitted to the Qwest Systems CMP Manager no more than three (3) business days following Qwest's distribution of the Prioritization Form.											
Qwest and each CLEC ranks each change request on the Release Candidate List by providing a point value from 1 through 38, where 38 is the total quantity of CRs.											
The highest point value (i.e. "38") should be assigned to the CR that Qwest and CLECs wish to be implemented first. The next highest point value (i.e. "37") should be assigned to the CR that Qwest and the CLECs wish to be implemented second. The next highest point value (i.e. "36") should be assigned to the next most desired CR and so on. The lowest point value (i.e. "1") should be assigned to the least desired CR.											
The total points will be calculated by the Qwest Systems CMP Manager and the results will be distributed to the CLECs via mailout to the Prioritization Form submitter within two (2) business days following the submission of the ranking.											
Qwest Distributes Prioritization Form by 5 p.m. MST on: 25-Feb-02											
Completed Prioritization Form Submitted to mj buck@qwest.com by 5 p.m. MST on: 28-Feb-02											
Qwest e-mails Initial Prioritization List to Prioritization Form submitter by 5 p.m. MST on: 4-Mar-02											

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## **10.0 APPLICATION-TO-APPLICATION INTERFACE TESTING**

If CLEC is using an application-to-application interface, CLEC must work with Qwest to certify the business scenarios that CLEC will be using in order to ensure successful transaction processing in production. If multiple CLECs are using a service bureau provider, the service bureau provider need only be certified for the first participating CLEC; subsequent CLECs using the service bureau provider need not be certified. Qwest and CLEC shall mutually agree to the business scenarios for which CLEC requires certification. Certification will be granted for the specified release of the application-to-application interface. If CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel if technically feasible.

New releases of the application-to-application interface may require re-certification of some or all business scenarios. A determination as to the need for re-certification will be made by the Qwest coordinator in conjunction with the release manager of each release. Notice of the need for re-certification will be provided to CLEC as the new release is implemented. The suite of re-certification test scenarios will be provided to CLEC with the initial and final Technical Specifications. If CLEC is certifying multiple products or services, CLEC has the option of certifying those products or services serially or in parallel, if technically feasible. If multiple CLECs are using a service bureau provider, the service bureau provider need only be re-certified for the first participating CLEC; subsequent CLECs using the service bureau provider need not be re-certified.

Qwest provides a separate Customer Test Environment (CTE) for the testing of transaction based application-to-application interfaces for pre-order, order, and maintenance/repair. The CTE will be developed for each major release and updated for each point release that has changes that were disclosed but not implemented as part of the major release. Qwest will provide test files for batch/file interfaces (e.g. billing). The CTE for Pre-order and Order currently includes:

- Stand Alone Test Environment (SATE)
- Interoperability Testing
- Controlled Production Testing

The CTE for Maintenance and Repair currently includes:

- CMIP Interface Test Environment (MEDIACC)

Qwest provides initial implementation testing [intended for those CLECs that are not currently in production or that want to test new ordering or pre-ordering transactions for which they have not been through testing – move to Terms], and migration testing (from one version to the next) for all types of OSS Interface change requests. Controlled Production Testing is also provided for Pre-Order and Order. Such testing provides the opportunity to test the code associated with

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those OSS Interface exchange requests. The CTE will also provide the opportunity for regression testing of OSS Interface functionality.

## **10.1 Testing Process**

Qwest will send an industry notification, including testing schedules (see Section 5.0 – Changes to Existing OSS Interfaces), to CLECs so they may determine their intent to participate in the test. CLECs wishing to test with Qwest must participate in at least one joint planning session and determine:

- Connectivity (required)
- Firewall and Protocol Testing (required)
- Controlled Production (required)
- Production Turn-up (required)
- Test Schedule (required)

A joint CLEC-Qwest test plan may also include some or all of the following based on type of testing requested:

- Requirements Review
- Test Data Development
- Progression Testing Phase

Qwest will communicate any agreed upon changes to the test schedule. CLECs are responsible for establishing and maintaining connectivity to the CTE.

Provided a CLEC uses the same software components and similar connectivity configuration as it uses in production, the CLEC should, in general, experience response times similar to production. However, this environment is not intended for volume testing. The CTE contains the appropriate applications for pre-ordering and Local Service Request (LSR) ordering up to but not including the service order processor. Qwest intends to include the service order processor as part of the SATE component of the CTE by the end of 2002. Production code problems identified in the test environment will be resolved by using the Production Support process as outlined in Section 11.0.

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## **11.0 PRODUCTION SUPPORT**

### **11.1 Notification of Planned Outages**

Planned Outages are reserved times for scheduled maintenance to Operations Support Systems (OSS). Qwest sends associated Notifications to all CLECs. Planned Outage Notifications must include:

- Identification of the subject OSS.
- Description of the scheduled OSS maintenance activity.
- Impact to the CLECs (e.g. geographic area, products affected, system implications, and business implications).
- Scheduled date and scheduled start and stop times.
- Work around, if applicable.
- Qwest contact for more information on the scheduled OSS maintenance activity.

Planned Outage Notifications will be sent to CLECs and appropriate Qwest personnel within 2 days of the scheduling of the OSS maintenance activity.

### **11.2 Newly Deployed OSS Interface Release**

Following the release production date of an OSS Interface change, Qwest will use production procedures for maintenance of software as outlined below. Problems encountered by the CLEC should be reported to the IT Wholesale Systems Help Desk (IT Help Desk). Qwest will monitor, track, and address troubles reported by CLECs or identified by Qwest, as set forth in Section 11.X. Problems reported will be known as IT Trouble Tickets. A week after the deployment of an IMA Release into production, Qwest will host a conference call with the CLECs to review any identified problems and answer any questions pertaining to the newly deployed software. Qwest will follow CMP process for documenting the meeting (includes issues/action items and status/solution). Issues will be addressed with specific CLECs and results/status will be reviewed at the next Monthly OSS CMP Meeting.

### **11.3 Request for a Production Support Change**

The IT Help Desk supports Competitive Local Exchange Carriers who have questions regarding connectivity, outputs, and system outages. The IT Help Desk serves as the first point of contact for reporting trouble. If the IT Help Desk is unable to assist the CLEC, it will refer information to the proper subject matter expert, also known as Tier 2 or Tier 3 support, who may call the CLEC directly. Often, however, an IT Help Desk representative will contact the CLEC to provide information or to confirm resolution of the trouble ticket.

Qwest will assign each CLEC-generated and Qwest-generated IT Trouble ticket a Severity Level 1 to 4, as defined in Section 11.X. Severity 1 and Severity 2 IT trouble tickets will be

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implemented immediately by means of an emergency release of process, software or documentation (known as a patch). If Qwest and CLEC deem implementation is not timely, and a work around exists or can be developed, Qwest will implement the work around in the interim. Severity 3 and Severity 4 IT trouble tickets may be implemented when appropriate taking into consideration upcoming patches, major releases and point releases and any synergies that exist with work being done in the upcoming patches, major releases and point releases.

The first time a trouble is reported by Qwest or CLEC, the Qwest IT Help Desk will assign a IT Trouble Ticket tracking number, which will be communicated to the CLEC at the time the CLEC reports the trouble. The affected CLEC(s) and Qwest will attempt to reach consensus on resolution of the problem and closing the IT Trouble Ticket. If no consensus is reached, any party may use the Technical Escalation Process. When the IT Trouble Ticket has been closed, Qwest will notify CLECs with one of the following disposition codes:

- No Trouble Found – to be used when Qwest investigation indicates that no trouble exists in Qwest systems.
- Trouble to be Resolved in Patch – to be used when the IT Trouble Ticket will be resolved in a patch. Qwest will provide a date for implementation of the patch. This is typically applied to Severity 1 and Severity 2 troubles, although Severity 3 and Severity 4 troubles may be resolved in a patch where synergies exist.
- CLEC Should Submit CMP CR – to be used when Qwest’s investigation indicates that the System is working pursuant to the Technical Specifications (unless the Technical Specifications are incorrect), and that the IT Trouble Ticket is requesting a systems change that should be submitted as a CMP CR.
- Date TBD – to be used when the IT Trouble Ticket is not scheduled to be resolved in a patch or change, but Qwest may resolve in a patch, release, or otherwise, if possible where synergies exist. This disposition is applied to Severity 3 and Severity 4 troubles.

Qwest will track "Date TBD" trouble tickets and report status and resolution of these trouble tickets and associated systems work on its CMP website. The status of these trouble tickets will be regularly discussed in CMP meetings.

For "Date TBD" trouble tickets, either Qwest or a CLEC may initiate the Change Request to correct the problem. (See Section 3.0 for CR Initiation.) If the initiating party knows that the CR relates to a trouble ticket, it will identify the trouble ticket number on the CR.

Instances where Qwest or CLECs misinterpret Technical Specifications and/or business rules must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. All parties will take all reasonable steps to ensure that any disagreements regarding the interpretation of a new or modified OSS Interface are identified and resolved during the change management review of the change request.

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## **11.4 Reporting Trouble to IT**

Qwest will open a trouble ticket at the time the trouble is first reported by CLEC or detected by Qwest. The IT Help Desk representative will communicate the ticket number to the CLEC at the time the CLEC reports the trouble.

If a ticket has been opened, and subsequent to the ticket creation, CLECs call in on the same problem, and the IT Help Desk recognizes that it is the same problem, a new ticket is not created. The IT Help Desk documents each subsequent call in the primary ticket.

If one or more CLECs call in on the same problem, but it is not recognized as the same problem, one or more tickets may be created. When the problem is recognized as the same, one of the tickets becomes the primary ticket, and the other tickets are linked to the primary ticket. When the problem is closed, the primary and all related tickets will be closed.

## **11.5 Severity Levels**

Severity level is a means of assessing and documenting the impact of the loss of functionality to CLEC(s) and impact to the CLEC's business. The severity level gives restoration or repair priority to problems causing the greatest impact to CLEC(s) or its business.

Guidelines for determining severity levels are listed below. Severity level may be determined by one or more of the listed bullet items under each Severity Level (the list is not exhaustive). Examples of some trouble ticket situations follow. Please keep in mind these are guidelines, and each situation is unique. The IT Help Desk representative, based on discussion with the CLEC, will make the determination of the severity level and will communicate the severity level to the CLEC at the time the CLEC reports the trouble. If the CLEC disagrees with the severity level assigned by the IT Help Desk personnel, the CLEC may escalate using the Technical Escalation Process. (See section X)

### **Severity 1: Critical Impact**

- Critical.
- High visibility.
- A large number of orders or CLECs are affected.
- A single CLEC cannot submit its business transactions.
- Affects online commitment.
- Production or cycle stopped – priority batch commitment missed.
- Major impact on revenue.
- Major component not available for use.
- Many and/or major files lost.
- Major loss of functionality.
- Problem can not be bypassed.

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- No viable or productive work around available.

**Examples:**

- Major network backbone outage without redundancy.
- Environmental problems causing multiple system failures.
- Large number of service or other work order commitments missed.
- A software defect in an edit which prevents any orders from being submitted.

**Severity 2: Serious Impact**

- Serious.
- Moderate visibility.
- Moderate to large number of CLECs, or orders affected.
- Potentially affects online commitment.
- Serious slow response times.
- Serious loss of functionality.
- Potentially affects production – potential miss of priority batch commitment.
- Moderate impact on revenue.
- Limited use of product or component.
- Component continues to fail. Intermittently down for short periods, but repetitive.
- Few or small files lost.
- Problems may have a possible bypass; the bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.
- Major access down, but a partial backup exists.

**Examples:**

- A single company, large number of orders impacted
- Frequent intermittent logoffs.
- Service and/or other work order commitments delayed or missed.

**Severity 3: Moderate Impact**

- Low to medium visibility.
- Low CLEC, or low order impact.
- Low impact on revenue.
- Limited use of product or component.
- Single CLEC device affected.
- Minimal loss of functionality.
- Problem may be bypassed; redundancy in place. Bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.
- Automated workaround in place and known. Workaround must be acceptable to CLECs.

**Example:**

- Hardware errors, no impact yet.

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#### **Severity 4: Minimal Impact**

- Low or no visibility.
- No direct impact on CLEC.
- Few functions impaired.
- Problem can be bypassed. Bypass must be acceptable to CLECs.
- System resource low; no impact yet.
- Preventative maintenance request.

#### **Examples:**

- Misleading, unclear system messages causing confusion for users.
- Device or software regularly has to be reset, but continues to work.

#### **11.6 Status Notification for IT Trouble Tickets**

There are two types of status notifications for IT Trouble Tickets:

- Ticket Notifications: for tickets that relate to only one reporting CLEC
- Event Notifications: for tickets that relate to more than one CLEC
- Event Notifications are sent by Qwest to all CLECs who subscribe to the IT Help Desk as described in Process X. Event Notifications will include ticket status (e.g. open, no change, resolved) and as much of the following information as is known to Qwest at the time the notice is sent:
  - Description of the problem
  - Impact to the CLECs (e.g. geographic area, products affected, business implications)
  - Estimated resolution date and time if known
  - Resolution if known
  - Severity level
  - Trouble ticket number(s), date and time
  - Work around if defined
  - Qwest contact for more information on the problem
  - System affected
  - Escalation information as available

Both types of notifications will be sent to the CLECs and appropriate Qwest personnel within the time frame set forth in the table below and will include all related system trouble ticket number(s).

#### **11.7 Notification Intervals**

Notification Intervals are based on the severity level of the ticket. "Notification Interval for any Change in Status" means that a notification will be sent out within the time specified from the time a change in status occurs. "Notification Interval for No Change in Status" means that a

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notification will be sent out on a recurring basis within the time specified from the last notification when no change in status has occurred, until resolution. “Notification Interval upon Resolution” means that a notification will be sent out within the time specified from the resolution of the problem.

Notification will be provided during the IT Help Desk normal hours of operation. Qwest will continue to work severity 1 problems outside of Help Desk hours of operation which are Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mountain time and Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mountain time, and will communicate with the CLEC(s) as needed. A severity 2 problem may be worked outside the IT Help Desk normal hours of operation on a case-by-case basis.

The chart below indicates the response intervals a CLEC can expect to receive after reporting a trouble ticket to the IT Help Desk.

<b>Severity Level of Ticket</b>	<b>Notification interval for initial ticket</b>	<b>Notification Interval for any Change in Status</b>	<b>Notification Interval for No Change in Status</b>	<b>Notification Interval upon Resolution</b>
Severity Level 1	Immediate acceptance	Within 1 hour	1 hour	Within 1 hour
Severity Level 2	Immediate acceptance	Within 1 hour	1 hour	Within 1 hour
Severity Level 3	Immediate acceptance	Within 4 hours	48 hours	Within 4 hours
Severity Level 4	Immediate acceptance	Within 8 hours	48 hours	Within 8 hours

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## **12.0 TRAINING**

*All changes to existing interfaces, as well as the introduction of new interfaces, will be incorporated into CLEC training.*

*Qwest may conduct CLEC workshops. CLEC workshops are organized and facilitated by Qwest and can serve any one of the following purposes:*

- *Educate CLECs on a particular process or business function*
- *Collect feedback from CLECs on a particular process or business function*
- *Provide a forum for Qwest or CLECs to lobby for the implementation of a particular process or business function*

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## **13.0 ESCALATION PROCESS FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2001 REDESIGN SESSION**

### **13.1 Guidelines**

- The escalation process will include items that are defined as within the CMP scope.
- The decision to escalate is left to the discretion of the CLEC, based on the severity of the missed or unaccepted response/resolution.
- Escalations may also involve issues related to CMP itself, including the administration of the CMP.
- The expectation is that escalation should occur only after change management procedures have occurred per the CMP.

### **13.2 Cycle**

Item must be formally escalated as an e-mail sent to the Qwest CMP escalation e-mail address, [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations\\_dispute.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations_dispute.html). iate provider escalation level.

- Subject line of the escalation e-mail must include:
  - CLEC Company name
  - "ESCALATION"
  - Change Request (CR) number and status, if applicable
- Content of e-mail must enclose appropriate supporting documentation, if applicable, and to the extent that the supporting documentation does not include the following information, the following must be provided:
  - Description of item being escalated
  - History of item
  - Reason for Escalation
  - Business need and impact
  - Desired CLEC resolution
  - CLEC contact information including Name, Title, Phone Number, and e-mail address
  - CLEC may request that impacted activities be stopped, continued or an interim solution be established.
- Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete escalation e-mail with an acknowledgement of the e-mail no later than the close of business of the following business day. If the escalation email does not contain the following specified information Qwest will notify the CLEC by the close of business on the following business day, identifying and requesting information that was not originally included. When the escalation email is complete, the acknowledgement email will include:
  - Date and time of escalation receipt
  - Date and time of acknowledgement email
  - Name, phone number and email address of the Qwest Director, or above, assigned to the escalation.

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- Qwest will post escalated issue and any associated responses on the CMP web site within 1 business day of receipt of the complete escalation or response.
- Qwest will give notification that an escalation has been requested via the Industry Mail Out process
- Any other CLEC wishing to participate in the escalation must submit an e-mail notification to the escalation URL within one (1) business day of the mail out. The subject line of the e-mail must include the title of the escalated issue followed by "ESCALATION PARTICIPATION"
- Qwest will respond with a binding position e-mail including supporting rationale as soon as practicable, but no later than:
  - For escalated CRs, seven (7) calendar days of sending the acknowledgment e-mail,
  - For all other escalations, fourteen (14) calendar days of sending the acknowledgment e-mail.
- The escalating CLEC will respond to Qwest within seven (7) calendar days with a binding position e-mail.
- When the escalation is closed, the resolution will be subject to the CMP.

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## **14.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

CLECs and Qwest will work together in good faith to resolve any issue brought before the CMP. In the event that an impasse issue develops, a party may pursue the dispute resolution processes set forth below: Item must be formally noticed as an e-mail sent to the Qwest CMP Dispute Resolution e-mail address, [http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations\\_dispute.html](http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/cmp/escalations_dispute.html). Subject line of the e-mail must include:

- CLEC Company name
- "Dispute Resolution"
- Change Request (CR) number and status, if applicable
- Content of e-mail must enclose appropriate supporting documentation, if applicable, and to the extent that the supporting documentation does not include the following information, the following must be provided:
  - Description of item
  - History of item
  - Reason for Escalation
  - Business need and impact
  - Desired CLEC resolution
  - CLEC contact information including Name, Title, Phone Number, and e-mail address
  - Qwest will acknowledge receipt of the complete Dispute Resolution e-mail within one (1) business day
- Qwest or any CLEC may suggest that the issue be resolved through an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process, such as arbitration or mediation using the American Arbitration Association (AAA) or other rules. If the parties agree to use an ADR process and agree upon the process and rules to be used, including whether the results of the ADR process are binding, the dispute will be resolved through the agreed-upon ADR process.
- Without the necessity for a prior ADR Process, Qwest or any CLEC may submit the issue, following the commission's established procedures, with the appropriate regulatory agency requesting resolution of the dispute. This provision is not intended to change the scope of any regulatory agency's authority with regard to Qwest or the CLECs.

This process does not limit any party's right to seek remedies in a regulatory or legal arena at any time.

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

<i>Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
<i>CLEC</i>	<i>Party originating a request (LSR)</i>
<i>INTERFACE</i>	<p><i>A mechanism to communicate between CLEC/provider or trading partners (e.g., paper, GUI, gateway)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A new interface is Qwest's introduction of paper, GUI, gateway, etc., to all CLECs for the first time.</i></li> <li>• <i>A change to an interface may include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Paper to GUI</i></li> <li>• <i>Changes of EDI to CORBA</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>The specific OBF LSOG Issue (e.g., Local Services Ordering Guidelines (LSOG) document, Issue 5, August 2000)</i>
<i>PROVIDER</i>	<i>Party receiving request (LSR)</i>
<i>RELEASE</i>	<i>Implementation of version (Type 3 change) using a particular interface. A release may include enhancements or customization (Type 1,2,4 or 5 change) to an LSOG version by a provider as well as CLEC/provider business requirements.</i>
<i>VERSION</i>	<i>The supported OBF LSOG Issue (e.g., Local Services Ordering Guidelines (LSOG) document, Issue 5, August 2000) (Type 3 change)</i>

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## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

<i>ANSI</i>	<i>American National Standards Institute</i>
<i>ATIS</i>	<i>Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions</i>
<i>CMP</i>	<i>Change Management Process</i>
<i>ECIC</i>	<i>Electronic Communications Implementation Committee</i>
<i>EDI</i>	<i>Electronic Data Interchange</i>
<i>FCC</i>	<i>Federal Communications Commission</i>
<i>GUI</i>	<i>Graphical User Interface</i>
<i>ITU</i>	<i>International Telecommunications Union</i>
<i>LOI</i>	<i>Letter of Intent</i>
<i>LSR</i>	<i>Local Service Request</i>
<i>NRIC</i>	<i>Network Reliability and Interoperability Council</i>
<i>OBF</i>	<i>Ordering and Billing Forum</i>
<i>OIS</i>	<i>Outstanding Issue Solution</i>
<i>OSS</i>	<i>Operational Support Systems</i>
<i>POC</i>	<i>Point Of Contact</i>
<i>RN</i>	<i>Release Notification</i>
<i>TCIF</i>	<i>Telecommunications Industry Forum</i>

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**APPENDIX A: CHANGE REQUEST FORM AND CHECKLIST**

**I. Appendix A-1: Change Request Form**

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(1) Internal Reference # \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Date Change Request Submitted \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

(3)  **TYPE 1 (EMERGENCY)** (4)  **TYPE 2 (REGULATORY)** (5)  **TYPE 3 (INDUSTRY)**  
 Severity 1 (stops production)  
 Severity 2 (impacts production)  
 Severity 3 (major w/work around)

(6)  **TYPE 4 (PROVIDER)** (7)  **TYPE 5 (CLEC)**

(4) CLEC \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Originator \_\_\_\_\_ (6) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(7) Originator's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ (8) Fax \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Alternate Contact \_\_\_\_\_ (10) Alt Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Title of Change \_\_\_\_\_

(12) **Category**  Add New Functionality  Change Existing

**(13) Interfaces Impacted**

- Pre-Ordering
- Ordering
- Maintenance
- Manual
- Billing
- Business Rules
- Other

(14) Description of requested change including purpose and benefit received from this change. (Use additional sheets, if necessary.)

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(15) Known dependencies

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*(16) List all business specifications and/or requirements documents included (or Internet / Standards location, if applicable)*

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***This Section to be completed by Provider ONLY.***

(17) Change Request Log # \_\_\_\_\_ (18) Clarification  Yes  No

(19) Clarification Request Sent \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (20) Clarification Response Due \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

(21) Status \_\_\_\_\_

(22) Change Request Review Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (23) Target Implementation Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

(24) Last Modified By \_\_\_\_\_ (25) Date Modified \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

**(26) Change Request Activity**

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**(27) Rejected Change Request**

- Cost/benefits
- Resource commitments
- Industry or regulatory direction
- Provider direction
- Other

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(28) Cancellation Acknowledgment CLEC \_\_\_\_\_ Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

(29) Request Escalation  Yes  No

**(30) Escalation Considerations**

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(31) Agreed Release Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

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*This section to be completed by Provider – Internal Validation of Defect Change Request.*

*(32) Defect Validation Results:*

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**APPENDIX A-2: CHANGE REQUEST FORM CHECKLIST**

*All fields will be validated before Change Request is returned for clarification.*

<b>Field</b>	<b>Checklist</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Instructions</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
1	Optional	Optional field for the initiator to use for internal tracking. The request may be generated prior to submission into Qwest's change control process.	No action	
2	Mandatory	Date Change Request sent to Provider.	Return to Sender	Date entry required
3	Mandatory	Indicate type of Change Request: CLEC or Provider initiated Industry Standard or Regulatory.	Return to Sender	Company designation required
4	Mandatory	Enter company name for the Change Request.	Return to Sender	Company name required
5	Mandatory	Enter originating company's Change Control Initiator's name.	Return to Sender	Initiator's name required
6	Mandatory	Enter originating company's Change Control Initiator's phone number.	Return to Sender	Initiator's phone number required
7	Mandatory	Enter originating company's Change Control Initiator's Email address.	Return to Sender	Initiator's Email address required
8	Mandatory	Enter originating company's Change Control Initiator's fax number.	Return to Sender	Initiator's fax number required
9	Mandatory	Enter originating company's alternate contact name.	Return to Sender	Alternate contact name required
10	Mandatory	Enter originating company's alternate contact phone number.	Return to Sender	Alternate contact number required
11	Mandatory	For the purpose of referencing the Change Request, assign a short, but descriptive name.	Return to Sender	Title required – maximum length 40 characters.
12	Mandatory	Identify request category for the Change Request.	Return to Sender	Category required
13	Mandatory	Identify originating company assessment of impact	Return to Sender	Entry required
14	Mandatory	Describe the proposed Change Request, indicating the purpose and benefit of request. If additional space is needed, use additional sheet.	Return to Sender	Description of Change Request required

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<b>Field</b>	<b>Checklist</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Instructions</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
15	Mandatory	Indicate any known dependencies relative to the Change Request. If none are known, enter "None known".	Return to Sender	Entry required
16	Mandatory	Indicate whether additional information accompanies/supports the proposed Change Request. If yes, list all documents attached or reference where they can be found, including internet address and standards reference, if applicable.	Return to Sender	Supporting documentation must accompany request
17	Mandatory Provider	A Change Request Log Number generated by the "Change Request Logging system" upon receipt of the Change Request. The number should be sent back to the initiator on the acknowledgment receipt. This # will be used to track the Change Request.	Return to Sender	Log number – system generated
18	Conditional Provider	Indicates whether clarification is needed on the Change Request.	Return to Sender	
19	Conditional Provider	Date clarification request sent to Initiator.		
20	Conditional Provider	Date clarification due back from Initiator.	Return to Sender	
21	Mandatory Provider	Indicate status of proposed Change Request (i.e., clarification, validation, pending, etc)		
22	Mandatory Provider	Assign date when Change Request will appear on agenda.	Return to Sender	
23	Mandatory Provider	A soft date for implementation. Updated based on Candidate Release Package info.		
24	Mandatory Provider	Field that communicates who last updated the request.		
25	Mandatory Provider	Field that communicates when the last update occurred.		
26	Mandatory Provider	Change Request results captured from the Change Review meeting.		
27	Conditional Provider	Cancelled Change Request reasoning.	Return to Sender	
28	Conditional Provider	Concurrence with Change Request originating company. Show date of concurrence.	Return to Sender	

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<b>Field</b>	<b>Checklist</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Instructions</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
29	Conditional Provider	Change Request Escalation indication.		
30	Conditional Provider	Detailed description of the escalation considerations.		
31	Mandatory Provider	Indicate agreed release date from Project Release Plan.		
32	Mandatory Provider	Results of Internal Defect Validation		

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**APPENDIX B: CHANGE REQUEST PRIORITIZATION FORM**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Change Request #</b>	<b>Description of Change Request</b>	<b>CLEC Rankings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
		<b>Title:</b>  <b>Description:</b>  <b>Process:</b> <b>System:</b> <b>Primary Area:</b> <b>LSOG Version:</b>  <b>Initiator/Date:</b>	Overall =  Cust #1 = Cust #2 = Cust #3 = Cust #4 = Cust #5 = Cust #6 =	
		<b>Title:</b>  <b>Description:</b>  <b>Process:</b> <b>System:</b> <b>Primary Area:</b> <b>LSOG Version:</b>  <b>Initiator/Date:</b>	Overall =  Cust #1 = Cust #2 = Cust #3 = Cust #4 = Cust #5 = Cust #6 =	
		<b>Title:</b>  <b>Description:</b>  <b>Process:</b> <b>System:</b> <b>Primary Area:</b> <b>LSOG Version:</b>  <b>Initiator/Date:</b>	Overall =  Cust #1 = Cust #2 = Cust #3 = Cust #4 = Cust #5 = Cust #6 =	

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**APPENDIX C: CMP PRIORITIZATION PROCESS EXAMPLE**

**Example:** Change Request E2 is prioritized highest. Since E3 and E5 are tied, they will be re-ranked and prioritized according to the re-ranking.

<b>Pre-order</b>	<b>CLEC #1</b>	<b>CLEC #2</b>	<b>CLEC #3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>E1</i>	5	5	5	15	5
<i>E2</i>	1	2	1	4	1
<i>E3</i>	3	1	5	9	3
<i>E4</i>	5	3	4	12	4
<i>E5</i>	2	5	2	9	3
<i>E6</i>	4	4	3	11	4

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