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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UT-033044; Comments in Response to May 6 Notice

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to the May 6, 2004, Notice of Opportunity to Submit Comments (“Notice”) in the above-referenced docket, Advanced TelCom, Inc., d/b/a Advanced TelCom Group, Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc., Global Crossing Local Services, Inc., Pac-West Telecomm, Inc., and XO Washington, Inc. (collectively “Joint CLECs”) provide the following comments on the issues that the Commission raises in the Notice.

The Joint CLECs support having the Commission schedule a status conference to address the issues raised in the Notice. Particularly in light of the continuing uncertainty surrounding the appeals of the Triennial Review Order and the impact of the D.C. Circuit’s decision, the Commission should begin to take the necessary steps to ensure that Washington consumers have an effective choice of local service provider.

The Joint CLECs also concur in the comments that XO Colorado filed with the Colorado Commission, and as the Commission requested, will not repeat those comments here. In addition, the Joint CLECs have addressed some of the issues in the Notice, at least in part, in their Motion for an Order Requiring Qwest to Maintain the Status Quo, which includes a discussion of Washington law comparable to the Colorado law discussion in the XO Colorado comments.

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Please contact me if you have any questions about these comments.

Very truly yours,

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