

[Service Date January 14, 2004]

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**NOTICE OF TIME TO ENTER DECLARATORY ORDER
(By March 15, 2004)**

RE: *In re the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation for a Declaratory Order re WAC 480-120-262(3) or, in the Alternative, Petition for Waiver of WAC 480-120-262(3), Docket No. UT-032063.*

On December 15, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a Petition for a Declaratory Order re: WAC 480-120-262(3) or, in the Alternative, Petition for Exemption From WAC 480-120-262 (3) in this matter, seeking an order declaring that the rule applies to the provision of retail operator services and does not apply to operator services provided through wholesale agreements. A copy of Qwest's petition is posted on the Commission's web site, www.wutc.wa.gov/032063.

On December 29, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Receipt of Petition for Declaratory Order and Opportunity to Submit Comments and Statements of Interest and Consent, requesting comments and statements of interest by Tuesday, January 6, 2004. The Commission received comments only from Verizon Northwest Inc. and Commission Staff supporting Qwest's petition for declaratory ruling.

NOTICE IS GIVEN Pursuant to RCW 34.05.240(5)(c) and WAC 480-09-230(3) that the Commission intends to enter a declaratory order in this proceeding no later than March 15, 2004.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary