

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of  
  
Qwest Corporation  
  
Waiver From Rule Relating to Price  
List Availability to Customers and  
Internet Address on Customer Bill.

DOCKET NO. UT-020631  
  
ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION  
OF TEMPORARY WAIVER FROM  
WAC 480-80-206(3)(a) and (b)

**BACKGROUND**

1        On August 2, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a petition  
requesting an extension of the temporary waiver from WAC 480-80-206(3)(a) and (b)  
that had been granted until November 30, 2002.

**DISCUSSION**

2        WAC 480-80-206(3)(a) and (b), which became effective on June 17, 2002, require  
that each telecommunications company offering service under a price list include on  
each customer bill the Internet address of the price list and a statement that there is no  
charge for a copy of the price list. Qwest stated in its petition that it originally  
underestimated the amount of programming time necessary to modify bills for those  
telecommunications carriers that subscribe to Qwest billing and collection services.  
Qwest stated that it can complete the necessary programming by December 31, 2002,  
without incurring overtime expense.

3        Staff recommended granting an extension of the temporary waiver of WAC 480-80-  
206(3)(a) and (b) until December 31, 2002.

4        This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open  
meeting on August 28, 2002. The Commissioners, having determined the following  
order is consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the  
following order and related provisions.

**FINDINGS**

- 5        (1)    Qwest is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of this  
Commission under the provision(s) of chapter 80.36 RCW.
- 6        (2)    A waiver from WAC 480-80-206(3)(a) and (b) until December 31, 2002,  
requiring the Internet address of the price list web site on each customer bill  
and the statement of price list availability on bills, is consistent with the public  
interest and should therefore be approved.

**ORDER**

7 Effective August 28, 2002, through December 31, 2002, Qwest Corporation is granted a waiver of the requirement in WAC 480-80-206(3)(a) and (b) to include the Internet address of price lists and a statement of price list availability on each bill. To the extent other telecommunications companies use Qwest's billing and collection services, the waiver applies to those companies.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 28th day of August, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary