BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of

QWEST CORPORATION

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To Initiate a Mass-Market Switching and Dedicated Transport Case Pursuant to the Triennial Review Order DOCKET NO. UT-033044

COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR ANONYMOUS DISCLOSURE OF CLEC DATA

Staff does not object to the Joint CLEC's proposal to allow CLECs to submit anonymous responses to bench requests.

The Commission may wish to specify, however, that if a party demonstrates a need to know the identity of the CLEC that submitted a particular response, the Commission may disclose the name under the protections for highly confidential information.

For ease of administration, the Commission may wish to require CLECs to create their own "masked" responses—to be distributed to parties by the Commission or Staff—

by referring to themselves by a Commission-assigned code number. The key to those code numbers could then be made available to Staff and Public Counsel..

DATED this 14th day of November, 2003.

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