

January 21, 2003

RE: In the Matter of the Continued Costing and Pricing of Unbundled  
Network Elements and Transport and Termination  
Docket No. UT-003013 – Part B

TO THE PARTIES:

On December 6, 2002, Qwest filed revisions to its Interconnection Services tariff WN U-42 and Resale tariff WN-43 in Advice No. 3364T to comply with the Commission's 32<sup>nd</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, and 40<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Orders in Docket No. UT-003013 – Part B. On January 13, 2002, Commission Staff filed comments regarding Qwest's compliance filing.

Commission Staff identified several concerns with the filing, but Staff was unable to complete its analysis, in large part, because Qwest was unable to respond to Staff's requests for additional information within the time frame for filing comments. On January 17, 2003, Qwest filed a letter noting Staff's suggestion that it lacks sufficient information to address all aspects of the compliance filing. Qwest requests that it be allowed to respond with certain information. There is nothing in Staff's comments or Qwest's letter to suggest that the company has refused to provide the information requested by Staff. The Commission notes that Qwest recently requested additional time in make compliance filings in Part D of this proceeding because key company personnel were not available during the recent holidays. Staff suggests that Qwest should reply to comments to the best of its ability at the same time that the company provides additional information, and that Staff will subsequently file supplemental comments.

The majority of Staff's comments note that relevant information was requested but not received prior to the filing date. The Commission finds that it would be administratively more convenient for Commission Staff to file supplemental comments based on all relevant information that the company is willing and able to provide before Qwest files a reply. This will enable the Commission to consider all positions of the parties in a single

round of comments and reply, and to enter a single order addressing Staff's concerns. Qwest and Commission Staff are directed to work together, and Qwest must provide Staff with all relevant information that the company is able and willing to provide in response to Staff's requests and comments no later than January 30, 2003. Thereafter, Staff must file supplemental comments no later than February 6, 2003, and Qwest may file reply comments no later than February 13, 2003.

Sincerely,

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Secretary