

April 30, 2003

Carole Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: Request for Extension of time to file comments on Qwest compliance
filing
Docket No. UT-003013 *Part B*

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On April 18, 2003, Qwest filed Advice No. 3397T, in compliance with the Commission's Thirty-Eighth, Fortieth and Forty-Ninth Supplemental Orders in Docket UT-003013. Qwest's filing was received on April 18, 2003, and due to the extreme length of the cost studies supporting the filing, they were provided only in electronic form. Commission Staff responsible for reviewing the filing received the electronic copy of the accompanying cost studies on April 21. It is Staff's understanding that its response to this filing is due to the Commission on Friday, May 2, 2003.

Commission Staff is in the process of reviewing the filing and the substantial materials submitted in support of the filing. Staff has been in contact with Qwest to clarify certain matters in the filing, but finds that an additional period of time is necessary to complete the review. Due to the amount of material to be reviewed, and other business to which Staff must attend during this time frame, Staff requests an extension of time to May 14, 2003, to provide comments on the filing. Lisa Anderl, legal counsel for Qwest in this case, has stated that Qwest does not object to this extension of time.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties