

September 12, 2006

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Tuesday, September 26, 2006)**

RE: *Level 3 / Qwest Arbitration*, Docket UT-063006

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information from Level 3 Communications, LLC, in the form of the following bench request:

TO: LEVEL 3:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 3:

Please provide details on which regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOC) and Level 3 have agreed to use a single trunking architecture using factors. For each such arrangement, please identify the RBOC, the state in which the arrangement occurs, the type of trunks involved (LIS, Feature Group D, etc.), the types of traffic mixed on trunk groups (inter-state, intra-state, VoIP, VNXX, etc.), the type of signaling involved (SS7 or ISDN PRI), and the factors used to allocate costs.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Tuesday, **September 26, 2006**, with an original and 2 copies. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl at 360-664-1144, or via e-mail at arendahl@wutc.wa.gov.

To the extent it is applicable to the above requests, please provide your response to each request on a separate sheet of paper and repeat the bench request at the top of the page on which the response begins. Also, please indicate on the response the date the response was prepared, the individual who prepared the response, and the telephone number of the preparer. Please send your response via U.S. Mail to: Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Arbitrator, Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties