

December 27, 2006

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Wednesday, January 3, 2007)**

RE: *McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., v. Qwest Corporation*
Docket UT-063013

On September 29, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered an initial order in this case denying McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s (McLeod) petition for enforcement of their interconnection agreement with Qwest Corporation (Qwest). On October 19, 2006, McLeod filed a petition for administrative review of the initial order. Qwest filed an answer to the petition on October 30, 2006. The primary issue in this case is the correct interpretation of the DC power measuring amendment to the parties' interconnection agreement. The parties executed the amendment on August 18, 2004.

One point of contention in the case is which version of Exhibit A to Qwest's Statement of Generally Accepted Terms (SGAT) should be given effect in interpreting the amendment to the interconnection agreement. Exhibit 26 is the current version of Exhibit A, submitted by McLeod and made a part of the record. However, McLeod also submitted with its post-hearing brief the version of Exhibit A in existence at the time the underlying interconnection agreement was executed. Neither version was the official version filed with the Commission at the time the DC power measuring amendment was negotiated and signed.

The Commission seeks the following information from McLeod and Qwest in the form of a bench request:

TO: MCLEOD AND QWEST:

BENCH REQUEST:

Please submit an agreed version(s) of Exhibit A to Qwest's SGAT in effect at the time of negotiation and execution of the DC power measuring amendment. If more than one version was filed during the negotiation/execution period, please identify the time period each was in effect.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Wednesday, **January 3, 2007**, with an original and 3 copies. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Administrative Law Judge Bob Wallis at 360-664-1142, or via e-mail at bwallis@wutc.wa.gov.

To the extent it is applicable to the above request, please provide your response to the 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 J. Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47520, Olympia, WA 98504, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties