BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Docket No. UT-051682

TO AMENDED COMPLAINT

QWEST'S AMENDMENTS TO ANSWER

AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INC., TCG SEATTLE, AND TCG OREGON; AND TIME WARNER TELECOM OF WASHINGTON, LLC,

Complainants,

v.

QWEST CORPORATION,

Respondent.

I. INTRODUCTION

1 Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby amends its answer to the Amended Complaint filed by AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., TCG Seattle, and TCG Oregon (collectively "AT&T" or "Complainants") to amend and add affirmative defenses as set forth below. Qwest restates and incorporates here by reference all answers and responses not expressly amended herein.

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IV. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 2 Qwest amends and supplements its affirmative defenses to the Amended Complaint as follows, restating and incorporating here by reference the affirmative defenses set forth in its original answer except as expressly amended herein.
- 3 Complainants' claims are preempted by federal law.
- 4 Complainants' claims are barred by the operation of the filed rate doctrine, under federal and/or state law.
- 5 Complainants' claims are barred by the statute of frauds.
- 6 Complainants' claims are barred because AT&T has waived, released and discharged pursuant to the parties' Bill Closure Agreement.
- Complainants' claims are barred by accord and satisfaction as a result of the parties' Bill
 Closure Agreement.
- 8 Complainants' claims are barred by the doctrines of waiver and estoppel.
- 9 Complainants have suffered no legally cognizable harm or injury as a result of any conduct by Qwest.
- 10 Any recovery should be reduced to the extent that Complainants failed to mitigate any damages.
- 11 Qwest reserves the right to assert additional affirmative defenses to the extent they become available.

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I. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

12 WHEREFORE, Qwest asks the Commission to:

A. Enter an order in this case dismissing the Amended Complaint with prejudice as barred by the statue of limitations.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2007.

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