

April 26, 2006

**COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BRIEFING  
(By Wednesday, May 10, 2006)**

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TO ENTER ORDER ON  
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION  
(By Friday, May 19, 2006)**

RE: *Level 3 Communications, LLC v. Qwest Corporation*,  
Docket No. UT-053039.

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 12, 2006, Qwest Corporation filed as supplemental authority in this proceeding a U.S. Court of Appeals opinion, *Global Naps, Inc. v. Verizon New England, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 05-2657, (1<sup>st</sup> Cir., April 11, 2006) and a related amicus brief filed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requests that the parties brief the issue of preemption in light of the First Circuit's opinion, without repeating arguments previously made. In addition, in our effort to interpret the parties' Interconnection Agreement, which requires the exchange of ISP-bound traffic and requires compensation for such traffic according to the FCC's *ISP Remand Order*, the Commission asks the parties to explain, without repeating arguments previously made, why the *ISP Remand Order* would apply a different compensation scheme for intrastate ISP-bound traffic than for local and interstate ISP-bound traffic.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission requests the parties provide additional briefing on the subjects described above no later than Wednesday, May 10, 2006. Parties may submit their briefs electronically with the Commission on May 10, 2006, under WAC 480-07-145(6), and must file an original and five paper copies with the Commission by Noon on Thursday, May 11, 2006.**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That the Commission expects to enter an order on Qwest's petition for reconsideration no later than Friday, May 19, 2006.**

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary