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## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**QWEST CORPORATION** 

Complainant,

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LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, PAC-WEST TELECOMM, INC., NORTHWEST TELEPHONE, INC., TCG SEATTLE, ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC., ADVANCED TELECOM, INC. d/b/a ESCHELON TELECOM, INC., FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, GLOBAL CROSSING LOCAL SERVICES, INC., and MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Respondents.

**EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF** 

**Robert Williamson** 

STAFF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

November 20, 2006

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I received my formal engineering education at the Bell Core Technical
Training Center, the Lucent Hickory Ridge Facility, in Dublin, Ohio and at the Bell
Labs Indian Hills location, while employed by US West and its predecessor, Pacific
Northwest Bell from 1988 to 1993. I received continued engineering and
management education from USWest through 1995 and subsequently by Teleport
Communication Group (TCG) through 1996. While at NeuStar, Inc., I upgraded my
technical knowledge in New Generation Networks by attending meetings for the
Internet Engineering Task Force meetings (IETF), the International Engineering
Consortium (IEC), and as an active member of the World C7 Planning Meeting held
at Cape Town, South Africa in 2000.

I retired from USWest after 30 years, having held various technical management and engineering positions in project management, maintenance, network design, and tier 2 and 3 technical support. I was the technical liaison between USWest and its major customers, including Boeing, Microsoft, Weyerhaeuser, the University of Washington, and the State of Washington for engineering and maintenance issues regarding digital switching, ISDN and SONET.

I accepted an opportunity in 1995 with a leading telecommunications competitor, Teleport Communications Group (TCG), as the Switch Application Engineering Manager in Seattle. I represented TCG on technical issues during the first interconnection agreements in Washington State between TCG and GTE, now Verizon, as well as USWest, now Qwest. In addition, I represented TCG in a number of regulatory committees and workshops, including the Washington State LNP committee (Docket No. UT-941464).

I was employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
in 1997 as a staff telecommunication engineer and worked on a number of issues,
including physical CLEC collocation and the analysis of the effect on the Public
Switch Telephone Network (PSTN) by Internet Service Providers (ISP) dial-up
modem service.

I was subsequently employed by AT&T to work on the Hawaii Information Transfer System (HITS) project. AT&T was awarded the HITS contract by the Department of Defense (DoD) to upgrade all communications equipment for all military installations in Hawaii. While in Hawaii, I managed Wheat International Communications, a sub-contractor responsible for all switch engineering and installation of 12 5ESS switches. In addition, I was responsible for all testing and the production of all reports required by the government to insure technical contract compliance.

I left HITS to join NeuStar, Inc. as the Director of Deployment for a European C7/IN Network. I led a group of engineers and developers in the planned deployment of a large New Generation C7 (C7, European standard similar to SS7, at the edge and IP in the core) signaling network to provide Intelligent Network (IN) functionality and signaling in 12 European countries. Later, as Director of New Business Technical Development, I led a team of developers and engineers in the successful development of a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)-based service to provide LNP access for Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) providers.

1	I returned to the WUTC in the spring of 2002, as a senior member of
2	technical staff with extensive knowledge and skills in many aspects of
3	telecommunications technology and regulation.
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