

[Service Date March 25, 2005]

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**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF DATE FOR ACTION  
ON PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION  
(By Friday, April 29, 2005)**

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS  
(Due by Friday, April 8, 2005)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement Between Covad Communications Company with Qwest Corporation Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b), and the Triennial Review Order, Docket No. UT-043045*

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-850(5)(b), the Commission issues this notice extending the date for entering an order resolving Covad's Petition for Reconsideration until Friday, April 29, 2005.

In addition, the Commission seeks information from both Covad and Qwest in the form of the following bench requests:

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:**

Covad and Qwest apparently entered into a commercial agreement known as Qwest Platform Plus, or QPP, for the state of Washington on March 9, 2005. While the QPP and the fact that the parties have entered into the QPP are not in the record in the arbitration proceeding in Docket No. UT-043045, the Commission is aware that the parties have executed the agreement as Covad attached copies of the signature pages of the executed agreement to its Reply Brief and attached an unsigned copy of the QPP to its Petition for Reconsideration. Please identify whether your company stipulates that (1) Covad and Qwest entered into a QPP agreement for the state of Washington on

March 9, 2005, (2) the March 9, 2005, QPP agreement is the same as that attached to Covad's Petition for Reconsideration, and (3) to admission in the record in Docket No. UT-043045 of the executed QPP for Washington.

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 2:**

Please identify whether your company stipulates that the term "line splitting" used in the QPP is consistent with the FCC's definition and requirements for line splitting in paragraphs 251 and 252 of the Triennial Review Order. If the company will not stipulate to this interpretation of the term, please explain how the company interprets the meaning of the term as used in the QPP.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than Friday, **April 8, 2005**, with an original and five copies. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl at 360-664-1144.

Please provide responses to each of the requests on separate sheets 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 responses via U.S. Mail to: Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary