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6 **WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
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9 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**
10 **PETITION OF QWEST**
11 **CORPORATION FOR**
12 **COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION**
13 **OF BUSINESS SERVICES IN**
14 **SPECIFIED WIRE CENTERS**

NO. UT-000883

MOTION TO PERMIT LATE FILING
OF POST-HEARING BRIEF

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17 **I. INTRODUCTION**

Public Counsel and TRACER requests consideration and approval of this Motion to permit late filing of their post-hearing brief in the above captioned matter.

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19 **II. BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to the order of the Commission post-hearing briefs in this docket were due Friday, November 17, 2000. Public Counsel and TRACER's joint, post-hearing brief was sent to Olympia at 3:12 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2000 for hand delivery to the Commission. Due to an overturned truck on I-5 South in the vicinity of 320th the person delivering the brief was not able to arrive at the Commission's offices until 5 or 10 minutes after 5:00 p.m. It was received at the Commission by ALJ Caille. Public Counsel and TRACER's post-hearing brief was accepted by the Commission's Records Center and officially filed the morning of Monday, November, 20, 2000.

1 **III. ARGUMENT**

2 Public Counsel and TRACER request the Commission to permit the late filing of their
3 post-hearing brief in the above captioned matter. The un-timely filing of the brief was due to
4 an un-controllable delay in deliver caused by an accident on I-5. Public Counsel and TRACER
5 respectfully request that the Commission accept the exigency of this circumstance and allow
6 the late filing of the post-hearing brief.

7 Public Counsel and TRACER are unaware of any prejudice to other parties as a result
8 of the late filing. Counsel for Qwest, the Joint CLECs, MetroNet Services Corp. and
9 Advanced Telecom Group, Inc., Worldcom, eschelon, AT&T, and Commission Staff have
10 been contacted regarding this Motion and have expressed no objection to the Motion.

11 **II. RELIEF**

12 Public Counsel and TRACER request an order permitting the late filing of their post-
13 hearing brief in the above matter.

14 DATED this 20th day of November, 2000.

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