



6 Qwest objected to the WorldCom Petition to Intervene on grounds that WorldCom currently served no Washington customers and that WorldCom had stated no basis for its intervention in the complaint proceeding.

7 **Discussion and decision.** Because WorldCom did not serve Washington customers during the time period upon which the Complaint is based, has not experienced reverse slamming on the part of Qwest, and has no relationship with Qwest similar to AT&T Broadband's in this case, WorldCom's Petition to Intervene is denied. WorldCom is not precluded from filing a complaint on its own behalf against Qwest if it believes that Qwest violates the Telecommunications Act of 1996, state statutes or Commission rules in connection with service provided to WorldCom or WorldCom's customers.

8 **Protective order.** The parties asked the Commission to enter a protective order in this docket pursuant to RCW 34.05.446 and RCW 80.04.095, to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information. The request was granted, and a protective order has been entered.

9 **Discovery.** Parties desire to engage in discovery of information in the proceeding. The proceeding qualifies under WAC 480-09-480 as a proceeding in which inquiries may be made to the extent provided in the rule. The discovery rule is invoked.

10 **Issues.** The parties discussed the issues that they believe to be involved and were offered the assistance of the Commission with mediation or analysis in a "settlement judge" setting of the issues in dispute.

11 **Hearing schedule.** The parties agreed upon the following schedule for the proceeding..

AT&T Broadband files direct testimony	April 30, 2002
Qwest & Staff file direct testimony	May 23, 2002
Rebuttal filing	June 12, 2002
Prehearing conference	June 20, 2002 (9:30 am)
Hearing	June 27-28, 2002

12 **Document preparation and process issues.** Parties must file an original and twelve copies of each document filed with the Commission. Appendix B states relevant Commission rules and other directions for the preparation and submission of evidence

and for other process in this docket. Parties will be expected to comply with these provisions.

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**Alternate dispute resolution.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at (360) 664-1142.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this \_\_\_\_th day of April, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

THEODORA M. MACE  
Administrative Law Judge

**NOTICE TO PARTIES:** Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.