

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

QWEST CORPORATION)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.)
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 LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC;)
 PAC-WEST TELECOMM, INC.;)
 NORTHWEST TELEPHONE INC.;)
 TCG-SEATTLE; ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC.;)
 ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC D/B/A)
 ESCHELON TELECOM, INC; FOCAL)
 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION;)
 GLOBAL CROSSING LOCAL SERVICES INC;)
 AND, MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS,)
 INC.)
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 Respondents.)
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Docket No. UT-063038

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

DANIEL E. MELDAZIS

ON BEHALF OF BROADWING COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

November 20, 2006

1 **Q. Please state your name, job title, and business address.**

2 A. My name is Daniel E. Meldazis. I am the Director of Regulatory Affairs for Broadwing
3 Communications, LLC. My business address is 200 North LaSalle Street, 10th Floor,
4 Chicago, IL 60601.

5 **Q. Please summarize your work experience and present responsibilities at Broadwing.**

6 A. I have over ten years of experience in the telecommunications industry and have been
7 Broadwing's Director of Regulatory Affairs since May 2004. In that capacity I am
8 responsible for the day-to-day compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations
9 regarding telecommunications service for Broadwing. Prior to becoming associated with
10 Broadwing, I was the Senior Manager of Regulatory Affairs for Focal Communications
11 Corporation and was in that position when Broadwing acquired Focal in 2004. During
12 my seven year tenure at Focal, I was responsible for carrier relations, interconnection
13 agreement negotiations, tariffs, e-rate administration, and annual reporting. I was also
14 Focal's government relations expert and chairman of Focal's political action committee.
15 Before joining Focal in 1997, I held a variety of regulatory, network provisioning and
16 outside plant positions with WorldCom, MFS Communications, and GTE. I have also
17 served on various industry committees regarding numbering, OSS and local number
18 portability and was on the board of directors of the North American Billing and
19 Collection, Inc. (NBANC). I graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1994 with a
20 Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science.

21 **Q. What subject matters will your testimony address?**

1 A. My testimony will discuss the interconnection agreement and pertinent amendments filed
2 and approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission between
3 Broadwing and Qwest Corporation for the exchange of traffic.

4 **Q. What is the relationship between Broadwing Communications, LLC and Focal**
5 **Communications?**

6 A. Broadwing acquired Focal Communications and all of its operating subsidiaries in
7 September of 2004, including, Focal Communication Corporation of Washington. Focal
8 Communications Corporation of Washington was dissolved on August 31, 2005 and all
9 of its assets and liabilities transferred to Broadwing Communications LLC. For purposes
10 of my testimony, however, I will use the term “Broadwing” to include references to both
11 Broadwing and Focal.

12 **Q. Do Broadwing and Qwest exchange telecommunications traffic in Washington?**

13 A. Yes.

14 **Q. Did Broadwing and Qwest exchange telecommunications traffic pursuant to any**
15 **arrangement?**

16 A. Yes.

17 **Q. What was that arrangement?**

18 A. Broadwing opted into a previously approved interconnection agreement between Electric
19 Lightwave, Inc. and Qwest on January 21, 1999. On February 1, 1999, Broadwing and
20 Qwest filed a joint request for approval to adopt the previously approved interconnection
21 agreement between Electric Lightwave, Inc. and U S WEST in its entirety (Docket UT-
22 960337). On March 10, 1999, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
23 approved the adoption of the agreement. That agreement is attached to my prefiled

1 testimony as Exhibit No. ____ (DEM-2). That interconnection agreement was amended
2 and approved by the Washington UTC ten times under the following schedule:

3	Amendment	WUTC Approval Date
4	1	August, 30, 2000
5	2	June 13, 2001
6	3	July 29, 2002
7	4	August 14, 2002
8	5	September 25, 2002
9	6	October 30, 2002
10	7	August 27, 2003
11	8	June 29, 2005
12	9	May 31, 2006
13	10	July 26, 2006

14 **Q. Are you familiar with the terms of Broadwing's interconnection agreement with**
15 **Qwest and its amendments?**

16 A. As Director of Regulatory Affairs, I am familiar with the terms and conditions of
17 Broadwing's interconnection agreement and its amendments with Qwest.

18 **Q. Does the Broadwing/Qwest interconnection agreement or its amendments, contain**
19 **any provisions related to rates charged for the termination of reciprocal**
20 **compensation traffic?**

21 A. Yes.

1 **Q. What provisions of the Broadwing/Qwest interconnection agreement or its**
2 **amendments relate to the rate charged for the termination of reciprocal**
3 **compensation traffic?**

4 A. While many provisions of the parties' interconnection agreement and amendments relate
5 to the rates charged for the termination of traffic, the Third Amendment to the
6 Agreement, approved on July 29, 2002, by the Washington UTC (attached as Exhibit No.
7 ____ (DEM-3)), specifically addressed the parties' intercarrier compensation and
8 reciprocal compensation arrangements.

9 **Q. Are you familiar with Qwest's dispute with Broadwing concerning the exchange of**
10 **traffic?**

11 A. Yes.

12 **Q. Do you have any responsibilities related to Broadwing's generation of invoices**
13 **submitted to carriers for the termination of traffic by Broadwing?**

14 A. No.

15 **Q. Does this complete your testimony?**

16 A. Yes it does.