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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation
for Competitive Classification of Basic Business
Exchange Telecommunications Services

Docket No. UT-030614

QWEST'S OPPOSITION TO
ATG'S LATE-FILED PETITION
TO INTERVENE

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") submits this response to the late-filed petition for intervention submitted by Advanced TelCom, Inc. dba Advanced Telcom Group ("ATG"). Qwest opposes this petition, on the basis that the petitioner has not established good cause for the late filing. ATG filed its petition more than one month after prehearing conference which was the deadline for intervention. ATG offers insufficient reason in its petition to establish good cause for the late filing.

Under WAC 480-09-430(1), a person who petitions to intervene after the proceedings are underway must establish good cause for the late petition. ATG has not alleged any facts to establish good cause. Although ATG alleges that it was unaware of the proceeding, that fact alone does not establish good cause – ATG was unaware of the proceeding because it did not avail itself of the public information that was available to any interested person. The fact that Qwest filed a petition for competitive classification, the open meeting at which it was addressed, and the notice of prehearing conference were all available on the Commission's web site, which is exactly where ATG found that information while looking for something else. At the time, ATG would have been only three days late in

1 its filing. However, ATG then delayed for five additional weeks prior to filing. ATG's reasons for the
2 late filing do not establish good cause for the late filing, and intervention should be denied on that basis.

3 The petition to intervene is untimely, without good cause shown. Thus, it should be denied.

4 DATED this 28th day of July, 2003.

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