July 29, 2003

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC COUNSEL REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS (By August 4, 2003 at noon)

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation For Competitive Classification of Basic Business Exchange Telecommunications Services Docket No. UT-030614

TO THE PARTIES:

On July 29, 2003, Public Counsel filed a Motion to Set Public Comment Hearings in this proceeding. Public Counsel asks that two public hearings be scheduled during September, one in Olympia, one in Walla Walla, Washington. Public Counsel asks that the hearings be scheduled in the evening to accommodate attendance by business customers. The Olympia hearing could be scheduled after one of the hearing days, September 16-18, 2003.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the parties may comment on Public Counsel's motion on or before August 4, 2003.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge