

October 26, 2006

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUESTS
(Due by Monday, November 6, 2006)**

RE: *Level 3 / Qwest Arbitration*, Docket UT-063006

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), in the form of the following bench requests:

TO: QWEST:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 4:

At pages 4-5 of his reply testimony (Exh. 72-TC), Mr. Easton calculates differently from Mr. Greene two costs that Qwest would incur under Level 3's proposal. At pages 20-22 of his reply testimony, Mr. Easton provides his estimate of costs that Level 3 would incur for interconnection as proposed by Qwest.

A. Please specify and breakdown all dollar *costs* in Washington to Qwest to provide interconnection as advocated by Level 3.

B. Please specify and breakdown all dollar *costs* in Washington to Qwest to provide interconnection as advocated by Qwest.

Please separately identify any costs that are foregone *revenues*, such as access charges, in your response.

TO: LEVEL 3:

BENCH REQUEST NO. 5:

At pages 21 and 22 of his direct testimony, Mr. Greene provides a calculation of the costs that Qwest would incur on its side of the point of interconnection under the proposal advocated by Level 3.

A. Please specify and breakdown all dollar *costs* in Washington to Level 3 to provide interconnection as advocated by Level 3.

B. Please specify and breakdown all dollar *costs* in Washington to Level 3 to provide interconnection as advocated by Qwest.

Please separately identify any costs that are foregone *revenues*, such as access charges, in your response.

Please respond to these Bench Requests no later than Monday, **November 6, 2006, with an original and 3 copies**. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl at 360-664-1144, or via e-mail at arendahl@wutc.wa.gov.

To the extent it is applicable to the above requests, please provide your response to each request on a separate sheet of paper and repeat the bench request at the top of the page on which the response begins. Also, please indicate on the response the date the response was prepared, the individual who prepared the response, and the telephone number of the preparer. Please send your response via U.S. Mail to: Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Arbitrator, Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties