

October 27, 2006

**NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST  
(Due by Tuesday, November 7, 2006)**

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

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) in the form of the following bench request:

**TO: QWEST:**

**BENCH REQUEST NO. 6:**

In Mr. Easton's Replacement Direct Testimony (Exh. 71-T) at pages 25-26, and his Reply Testimony (Exh. 72-TC) at pages 11-12, he states that implementing Level 3 Communications LLC's proposal to combine all traffic on local interconnection service (LIS) trunks "would require significant investment and reworking of Qwest's billing systems and processes." On page 3 of Qwest's Attachment A to its response to Bench Request No. 2, Qwest identifies that changes would need to be made to three data recording and billing systems: Integrated Access Billing System (IABS), CroSS7, and Trunk Usage measurement Set-Up (TUMS).

Please identify the relationship between the CroSS7 system and TUMS, specifically whether a) the CroSS7 system collects call data which is then used by the TUMS application to prepare bills, b) the TUMS application collects the call data which is then used by the CroSS7 system to prepare bills, or c) whether the two systems work together in some other arrangement to prepare bills.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Tuesday, **November 7, 2006, with an original and 3 copies.** If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl at 360-664-1144, or via e-mail at [arendahl@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:arendahl@wutc.wa.gov).

To the extent it is applicable to the above request, please provide your response to the 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](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Arbitrator, Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties