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## Before the WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION Olympia, Washington

AT&T CORP., and AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INC.,		
Complainants, vs.	Docket No. UT-0413	94
QWEST CORPORATION,	COMPLAINANTS RESPONSE TO QWE FIRST SET OF DAT	ST'S
Respondent.	REQUESTS TO AT&T AND AT&T COMMUNICATIONS C PACIFIC NORTHWEST	CORP.  OF THE
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AT&T Corp. and AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. (hereinafter "Claimants"), through their attorneys and pursuant to WAC 480-07-405, hereby submit this Response to Qwest Corporation's First Set of Data Requests to AT&T Corp., and AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. ("Qwest's First Data Request") in the above-captioned matter, as follows:

## I. GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. Claimants object to each Request to the extent it requires Claimants to provide information not within their possession, custody or control.
- 2. Claimants object to any Requests that call for information not within their present knowledge or which seek to require Claimants to offer a narrative of their case.

- 3. Claimants object to the Requests to the extent that they are unreasonably cumulative or duplicative and to the extent that the information requested is already within the possession of Qwest or is otherwise obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive.
- 4. Claimants object to the Requests to the extent that they seek discovery of information that is not relevant to any claim or defense raised by Claimants or Qwest and/or where the burden or expense of the proposed discovery would outweigh any benefit to Qwest of the discovery.
- 5. Claimants object to the Requests to the extent that they seek discovery of pure legal conclusions or contention without any application to specific facts. Further, to the extent that any Request seeks discovery of Claimants' legal contentions in relation to specific facts, Claimants object to the Request as being premature.
- 6. The foregoing General Objections are hereby incorporated into each of the numbered answers to the Requests and each Request is answered subject to and without waiver of these General Objections.

WUTC Docket No. UT-041394 AT&T Response to Qwest's First Set Of Data Requests November 2, 2004

<u>Qwest Data Request No. 6(c)</u>: Does [AT&T Corp.] provide telecommunications services directly to customers in Washington?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. In addition, the request is ultimately ambiguous, as it is unclear what is meant by "directly provide telecommunications services. . . ." (*i.e.*, is the question whether AT&T Corp. serves end user subscribers? or is it whether it provides service through an affiliate?).

November 2, 2004

Owest Data Request No. 12: With regard to paragraph 1 of the

Complaint, does AT&T Corp. directly provide any telecommunications services in the

State of Washington or has it ever in the past?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

In addition, the request is ultimately ambiguous, as it is unclear what is meant by

"directly provide any telecommunications services. . . ." (i.e., is the question whether

AT&T Corp. serves end user subscribers? or is it whether it provides service through an

affiliate?).

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

WUTC Docket No. UT-041394 AT&T Response to Qwest's First Set Of Data Requests November 2, 2004

Qwest Data Request No. 12(a): If so, what services does it currently provide?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The specific kinds of telecommunications services provided in the State of Washington and whether provided "directly" are not relevant to the fact that RCW 80.54.20, 80.54.070, 80.36.170 and 80.36.180 apply.

November 2, 2004

Owest Data Request No. 12(b): What services did it formerly provide in

Washington that it no longer provides?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

The specific kinds of telecommunications services formerly provided in the State of

Washington are not relevant to the fact that RCW 80.54.20, 80.54.070, 80.36.170 and

80.36.180 apply. Moreover, an historic listing of the services provided and discontinued

is irrelevant, unduly burdensome and overbroad.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

services in Washington? If so, provide copies of its certification by the Washington

Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

RCW 80.54.10, 80.54.20 and 80.54.070 require Qwest to charge "licensees" like

Claimants, just, fair, reasonable and uniform rates for conduit occupancy, regardless of

whether the telecommunications service provider is certificated in the State of

Washington.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 12(d): Is AT&T Corp. a CLEC in Washington?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. RCW 80.54.10, 80.54.20 and 80.54.070 require Qwest to charge "licensees" like AT&T, just, fair, reasonable and uniform rates for conduit occupancy, regardless of whether the telecommunications service provider is classified as a CLEC in the State of Washington.

Qwest Data Request No. 12(e): Provide a copy of all interconnection

agreements between AT&T Corp. and Qwest in Washington.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Claimants' Complaint does not raise issues concerning the application of the

interconnection agreements. Claimants' claims do not invoke the interconnection

agreements, but only refer to the SGAT rates attached thereto for purposes of a

convenient proxy for lawful conduit rates under RCW 80.54.010 - 80.54.070. Claimants

further object that this request seeks information that is already fully within the

possession of Qwest and is therefore unduly burdensome and imposed for the purpose of

harassment.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 13: Does the American Telephone and

Telegraph Company directly provide any telecommunications services in the State of

Washington or has it ever in the past?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it is overly broad to the extent that it seeks information that is not relevant to

the claims or defenses in the proceeding, and vague, ambiguous, and unduly burdensome

in seeking information concerning past telecommunications service offerings, without

limit to time or scope. In addition, the request is ultimately ambiguous, as it is unclear

what is meant by "directly provide any telecommunications services. . . ." (i.e., is the

question whether the American Telephone and Telegraph Company serves end user

subscribers? or is it whether it provides service through an affiliate?).

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 13(a): If so, what services does it currently provide?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. The specific kinds of telecommunications services provided in the State of Washington and whether provided "directly" are not relevant to the fact that RCW 80.54.20, 80.54.070, 80.36.170 and 80.36.180 apply.

Qwest Data Request No. 13(b): What services did it formerly provide in

Washington that it no longer provides?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Further, the request is vague, ambiguous, and unduly burdensome in seeking information

concerning past telecommunications service offerings, without limit to time or scope.

The specific kinds of telecommunications services formerly provided in the State of

Washington are not relevant to the fact that RCW 80.54.20, 80.54.070, 80.36.170 and

80.36.180 apply. Moreover, an historic listing of the services provided and discontinued

is irrelevant and overreaching.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 13(c): Is the American Telephone and Telegraph

Company certificated to provide services in Washington? If so, provide copies of its

certification by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Further, as explained supra in response to Data Request No. 2(b), the American

Telephone and Telegraph Company no longer exists by that name. In addition, RCW

80.54.10, 80.54.20 and 80.54.070 require Qwest to charge "licensees" like Claimants,

just, fair, reasonable and uniform rates for conduit occupancy, regardless of whether the

telecommunications service provider is certificated in the State of Washington.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 13(d): Is the American Telephone and Telegraph

Company a CLEC in Washington?

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Further, as explained supra in response to Data Request No. 2(b), the American

Telephone and Telegraph Company no longer exists by that name. In addition, RCW

80.54.10, 80.54.20 and 80.54.070 require Qwest to charge "licensees" like Claimants,

just, fair, reasonable and uniform rates for conduit occupancy, regardless of whether the

telecommunications service provider is classified as a CLEC in the State of Washington.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 13(e): Provide a copy of all interconnection

agreements between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Qwest in

Washington.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

In addition, Claimants' Complaint does not raise issues concerning the application of an

interconnection agreement. Claimants' claims do not invoke the interconnection

agreement, but only refer to the SGAT rates attached thereto for purposes of a convenient

proxy for lawful conduit rates under RCW 80.54.010 - 80.54.070. Claimants further

object that this request seeks information that is already fully within the possession of

Owest and is therefore imposed solely for the purpose of harassment.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 14: With regard to paragraph 5 of the complaint, do any other affiliates of the Complainants—e.g., TCG Washington—occupy the conduit at issue in this case? If so, identify each affiliated company and identify the portions of conduit in Washington that each affiliate uses.

<u>Claimants' Response</u>: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Owest Data Request No. 15: Based on the documentation in Exhibit 5 to

the Complaint, there are a number of conduits that are occupied by complainants and any

other [sic] AT&T entities in Washington. With regard to each section of conduit

occupied by an AT&T entity in Washington, identify which AT&T entities currently

occupy the conduit with (1) their own facilities for their own use or (2) their own

facilities for the use of another AT&T entity.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Moreover, this is information that is within Qwest's knowledge and control. Qwest's

own records will reveal where any AT&T entity is leasing conduit (and as discussed

above. Owest knows well the corporate relationship of various AT&T entities and

subsidiaries).

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 16: With regard to the conduits that are occupied

by complainants and any other AT&T entities in Washington, please identify the

conduits, the footage occupied, and identify which AT&T entities occupy them.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Claimants submit that there is no issue in this case about the amount of conduit being

used, nor is the specific location of the conduit of any import to whether Qwest's rates

are lawful. Moreover, this is information that is within Qwest's knewledge and control.

Owest's own records will reveal where any AT&T entity is leasing conduit (and as

discussed above, Qwest knows very well the corporate relationship of various AT&T

entities and subsidiaries).

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 17(a): As to each section of conduit identified in

data requests 17 and 18, provide the following historical and current information: Which

AT&T entities originally occupied the conduit after execution of the applicable license.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that data requests 17 and 18 do not identify specific sections of conduit. Further,

Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not

relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead

to the discovery of admissible evidence. In addition, Claimants object to this

interrogatory because Claimants' Complaint does not go back to the original occupation

of conduit, and thus, Qwest's questions seeking a historical timeline of occupation are

irrelevant.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 17(b): As to each section of conduit identified in

data requests 17 and 18, provide the following historical and current information: The

date on which another AT&T entity began to occupy some or all of the conduit.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that data requests 17 and 18 do not identify specific sections of conduit. Further,

Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not

relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead

to the discovery of admissible evidence. In addition, Claimants object to this

interrogatory because Claimants' Complaint does not go back to the original occupation

of conduit, and thus, Owest's questions seeking a historical timeline of occupation are

irrelevant.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 17(c): As to each section of conduit identified in

data requests 17 and 18, provide the following historical and current information: In

those cases when another AT&T entity occupied the conduit in addition to The American

Telephone & Telegraph Company, did that other entity place new facilities or take over

(either by lease, purchase or otherwise) the facilities originally placed in the conduit.

Identify all AT&T entities that subsequently occupied any of the Washington conduit.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that data requests 17 and 18 do not identify specific sections of conduit. Further,

Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not

relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead

to the discovery of admissible evidence. In addition, Claimants object to this

interrogatory because Claimants' Complaint does not go back to the original occupation

of conduit, and thus. Owest's questions seeking a historical timeline of occupation are

irrelevant.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 17(d): As to each section of conduit identified in

data requests 17 and 18, provide the following historical and current information: Which

AT&T entities (including AT&T entities not a complainant in this case) currently occupy

the conduit and in what amounts.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that data requests 17 and 18 do not identify specific sections of conduit. Further,

Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not

relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead

to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 17(e): As to each section of conduit identified in

data requests 17 and 18, provide the following historical and current information: To the

extent an AT&T entity other than The American Telephone and Telegraph Company

occupies any of those conduits, state the date upon which notice was provided to Qwest

or its predecessors notifying Qwest of the intention that another AT&T entity occupy the

conduit. Provide copies of all such notices and any written replies by Qwest or its

predecessors. Describe any oral conversations (including date and participants) that

complainants assert occurred between them and Qwest with regard to the use of the

conduit by any entity other than The American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that data requests 17 and 18 do not identify specific sections of conduit. Further,

Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not

relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead

to the discovery of admissible evidence. In addition, Claimants object that the request is

premised on assumptions and legal conclusions.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Owest Data Request No. 18: Has AT&T Communications of the Pacific

Northwest, Inc. ever ordered conduit from Qwest pursuant to an interconnection

agreement between it and Qwest (or a Qwest predecessor) in Washington? If so, state the

date of each order, provide a specific description of the conduit ordered, and provide a

written copy of the order.

Claimants' Response: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the

grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the

proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

Claimants' Complaint does not raise issues concerning the application of interconnection

agreement and Owest's duties thereunder. Claimants' claims do not invoke the

interconnection agreement, but only refer to the SGAT rates attached thereto for purposes

of a convenient proxy for lawful conduit rates under RCW 80.54.010 - 80.54.070.

Claimants further object that this request seeks information that is already fully within the

possession of Owest and is therefore imposed solely for the purpose of harassment.

Objection and answer prepared on November 2, 2004 by Brian M. Josef, Esq.

Qwest Data Request No. 19: With regard to Article 18—Assignment of Rights (attached as Exhibit 4-page 11 to the Complaint), provide copies of all requests for assignment made by The American Telephone and Telegraph Company, AT&T Corp., or any other AT&T affiliated entity to allow AT&T Communications of the Pacific

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Northwest, Inc. or any other AT&T affiliate to use the conduit pursuant to the General

License Agreement.

<u>Claimants' Response</u>: Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it assumes a conclusion of law, specifically, that such a request for assignment was required. In addition, Claimants object to this interrogatory on the grounds that it seeks information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses in the proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.