

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of	)	DOCKET UT-073035
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION,	)	
	)	ORDER 04
For Investigation Concerning the Status	)	
of Competition and Impact of the	)	ORDER EXTENDING
FCC’s Triennial Review Remand Order	)	DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO
on the Competitive	)	BENCH REQUEST 3 AND 4
Telecommunications Environment in	)	
Washington	)	
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**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING:** Docket UT-073035 involves a petition for approval of a multi-state, multi-party settlement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and the Joint CLECs regarding modification of the process for designating wire centers as non-impaired.
  
- 2 **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND:** The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Bench Requests 3 and 4 to Qwest on December 18, 2007, and required response by December 28, 2007. On December 19, 2007, Qwest requested an extension of the response deadline to January 9, 2008, due to staff unavailability during the holidays and vacations.
  
- 3 **COMMISSION DECISION:** The Commission considers motions for extension of time according to the standard set forth in WAC 480-07-385. According to that regulation, the Commission may grant an extension provided the movant states good cause for the extension and the extension does not prejudice any party or the Commission. Qwest stated good cause, staff unavailability to prepare responses by the deadline stated in the Notice of Bench Requests. Granting the extension should not prejudice any party or the Commission provided the other parties to this proceeding are granted a commensurate amount of time to file comments on the response. Accordingly, the request is granted. The deadline for Qwest to file

responses to Bench Request 3 and 4 is extended to January 9, 2008, and the deadline for the other parties to file comments on the response is extended to January 22, 2008.

**ORDER**

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- 4 (1) The deadline for Qwest to file a response to Bench Requests 3 and 4 is extended to January 9, 2008.
- 5 (2) The deadline for other parties to file comments on Qwest's response is extended to January 22, 2008.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective December 20, 2007.

**WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**PATRICIA CLARK**  
Administrative Law Judge