

August 20, 2002

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE COMMENTS**

**(August 28, 2002)**

RE: In the Matter of the Investigation Into U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Compliance with Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003022; In the Matter of U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'s Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Docket No. UT-003040.

TO ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On August 19, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a Request for Acceptance of PO-20 for Inclusion in the QPAP, asking that the Commission approve a new performance measurement and payment scheme for inclusion in the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) for Washington state. Qwest agreed in an *ex parte* communication with the Federal Communications Commission that it would request that state commissions accept the proposed performance measurement for inclusion in the QPAP, to be effective on the effective date of the QPAP.

The Commission seeks comments concerning Qwest's request, addressing both the proposed performance measure, its benchmark standard and the proposed payment scheme, as well as the process by which this Commission should address the issue, i.e., on a paper record, or through a short workshop or hearing. Any party or interested person may file comments with the Commission concerning Qwest's request by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2002.**

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL  
Administrative Law Judge