

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554**

**In the Matter of** )  
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**Application by Qwest Communications** ) **WC Docket No. 02-314**  
**International, Inc., for Authorization to** )  
**Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services** )  
**in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana,** )  
**Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah,** )  
**Washington & Wyoming** )

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) recommends that the Federal Communications Commission grant the supplemental application of Qwest Communications International, Inc. (Qwest)<sup>1</sup> for authority under section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act),<sup>2</sup> to provide in-region, interLATA services in the state of Washington. Qwest’s supplemental application filed on September 30, 2002, primarily addresses issues relating to Section 272 of the Act, but also addresses a number of discrete issues raised in *ex parte* comments filed with the Commission in Qwest’s original applications, Dockets WC 02-148, and WC 02-189.

Qwest’s supplemental application also includes the existing record in Docket WC-02-189 pertaining to Washington State. That record includes the transcripts,

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<sup>1</sup> When the WUTC began its proceeding to consider compliance with the requirements of section 271, the Bell operating company, or BOC, in Washington state was U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST). After the proceeding began, U S WEST merged with Qwest and has become known as Qwest Corporation. For consistency and ease of reference we will refer to the BOC as Qwest in these comments.

<sup>2</sup> Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, *codified at* 47 U.S.C. § 151 *et seq.*

exhibits, pleadings, and orders from an extensive process before the WUTC – a process that culminated in our comments to this Commission on July 26, 2002, recommending approval of Qwest's application.

Nothing in Qwest's supplemental application causes us to change our earlier recommendation that this Commission approve Qwest's application to provide in-region, interLATA services in the state of Washington. The record before the WUTC continues to support our determination that Qwest's local exchange market is fully open to competition and that Qwest has satisfied the requirements of section 271 of the Act.

Dated at Olympia, Washington and effective this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner