BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of,

QWEST CORPORATION

For Competitive Classification of Basic Business Exchange Telecommunications Services DOCKET NO. UT-030614

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Commission Staff has no objection to Public Counsel's request for public hearings. Staff suggest that public hearings be held in Olympia after one of the scheduled hearing days, as suggested by Public Counsel. Staff further suggests that any public hearings held in Walla Walla be held on September 19, 2003, or September 22, 2003.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2003.

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