

QWEST CORPORATION

STATE: Washington  
DOCKET NO: UT-063006  
CASE DESCRIPTION: Level 3 Comm., LLC's Petition for Arbitration Pursuant to Section 252(B) of the Comm Act of 1934, as Amended by the Telecomm Act of 1996, and the Applicable State Laws for Rates, Terms, and Conditions of Interconnection with Qwest Corp.  
INTERVENOR: Bench Requests  
REQUEST NO: BCH 03-006

REQUEST:

In Mr. Easton's Replacement Direct Testimony (Exh. 71-T) at pages 25-26, and his Reply Testimony (Exh. 72-TC) at pages 11-12, he states that implementing Level 3 Communications LLC's proposal to combine all traffic on local interconnection service (LIS) trunks "would require significant investment and reworking of Qwest's billing systems and processes." On page 3 of Qwest's Attachment A to its response to Bench Request No. 2, Qwest identifies that changes would need to be made to three data recording and billing systems: Integrated Access Billing System (IABS), Cross7, and Trunk Usage Measurement Set-Up (TUMS).

Please identify the relationship between the Cross7 system and TUMS, specifically whether a) the Cross7 system collects call data which is then used by the TUMS application to prepare bills, b) the TUMS application collects the call data which is then used by the Cross7 system to prepare bills, or c) whether the two systems work together in some other arrangement to prepare bills.

RESPONSE:

The purpose of TUMS is to automate the loading of trunk data into the Cross7 system, which is the system used to record usage on LIS trunks. Cross7 passes its raw usage files on to the Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) system which processes the Cross7 files and sends them through for billing.

Respondent: Bill Easton