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Via Messenger

Ms. Carole Washburn Secretary Washington Utilities & Transp. Comm. 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Attn: Hon. Ann Rendahl

Re: In the Matter of the Second Six-Month Review of Qwest Corporation's Performance Assurance Plan, Docket No. UT-043007

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed are the originals and twelve copies of the Opening Brief of Qwest Corporation in the above proceeding, together with certificate of service. The document has been served by U. S. Mail on those representatives so designated in Order No. 1 and by e mail on other representatives. Please accept the same for filing.

Very truly yours,

Douglas N. Owens Counsel for Qwest Corporation

cc: Lisa Anderl Mark Reynolds Laurel Burke Parties