August 6, 2003

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC HEARING (Set for Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at 6 p.m.)

RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation For Competitive Classification of Basic Business Exchange Telecommunications Services, Docket No. UT-030614

TO THE PARTIES:

On July 29, 2003, Public Counsel filed a Motion to Set Public Comment Hearings. Public Counsel's motion requested two public hearings in September, one to take place in Olympia during the time evidentiary hearings are now scheduled. The second public hearing would take place in Walla Walla, Washington.

Commission Staff and Qwest filed responses to the motion. Commission Staff supported Public Counsel's request. Qwest did not object to the holding of public hearings but recommended that the hearings take place in Olympia and Spokane, rather than Olympia and Walla Walla.

In order to make best use of the Commission's limited resources, and bearing in mind that interested parties have several alternative means for communicating their views to the Commission, the Commission will hold only one public hearing in this proceeding, in Olympia.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That a public hearing will be convened on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, at 6 p.m. in Hearing Room 206 at the offices of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Parkway S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Sincerely,

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge

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¹ Evidentiary hearings in UT-030614 are scheduled for September 16-18, 2003.