

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-021730
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Qwest Corporation,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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For Less Than Statutory Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Connection with Contract)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On December 30, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest or the Company) filed with the Commission a contract for a 36-month special contract for Integrated Switched Digital Network (ISDN) primary rate service to a customer in Tukwila.
- 2 WAC 480-80-142 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of January 8, 2003, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. The Company is requesting the earlier effective date at the request of the customer.
- 3 That date is not acceptable. The earliest acceptable effective date is January 9, 2003. This is the first day after the Commission's open meeting on January 8, 2003.
- 4 Since the proposed contract appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Qwest's request with an effective date of January 9, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate

rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 6 (2) Qwest is a telecommunications company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 7 (3) Qwest is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-142 requiring telecommunications companies to file contracts for any rate or charge with thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 8 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket UT-021730 and recommended the less than required notice request of Qwest be granted.
- 9 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 8, 2003.
- 10 (6) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Qwest on December 30, 2002, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become effective January 9, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 11 (1) The request sought by Qwest Corporation for less than required notice is granted.

- 12 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 8th day of January, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary