BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-030487
)	
Qwest Corporation)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
For Less Than Required Notice in)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
Connection with Contract)	
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BACKGROUND

- On April 9, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a twelve-month Special Contract for Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection service (GRCC).
- 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 April 23, 2003, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. Qwest filed this revised contract in place of a previously filed contract to reflect an adjusted rate that covers the imputed costs. Qwest requests less than required notice in order to provide the customer with the specific services on a date originally agreed to by both parties.
- 3 Since the revised 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 April 23, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

 4 (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*.

- 5 (2) Qwest is a telecommunications company and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- General (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.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket No. UT-030487 and
 recommended the less than required notice request of Qwest be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2003.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Qwest on April 23, 2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become effective on April 23, 2003.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

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

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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 23rd day of April, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary