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**NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS CONCERNING
PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTING FCC TRIENNIAL REVIEW ORDER
(By Thursday, September 4, 2003)**

RE: In the Matter of the Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order, Docket No. UT-033025.

On February 20, 2003, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced a decision in its Triennial Review proceeding under Section 257(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). The FCC's Triennial Review Order, released on June 27, 2003, will require this and other state commissions to evaluate a number of issues and hold proceedings to address the issues.

The Commission intends to provide all interested persons an opportunity to participate in designing the Commission's process for implementing the Triennial Review Order. The Commission invites all interested persons to file comments with the Commission, no later **than 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003**, concerning how the Commission should implement the FCC's Order. Comments should be limited to procedural matters, such as the number, format, scope, and timing of the proceedings before the Commission. In particular, the Commission seeks comments concerning the following issues:

1. Who bears the burden of going forward and the burden of proof regarding the various issues identified in the FCC's order, i.e., should the Commission initiate the proceedings, or is it more appropriate for an ILEC or CLEC to initiate a proceeding?
2. How does the Commission's review of the FCC's Order affect ongoing proceedings before the Commission, e.g., issues pending in Dockets UT-003022/003040, UT-023003, UT-011219, UT-030614?

- a. Should the Commission consolidate proceedings, or hold certain proceedings in abeyance pending resolution of issues arising from the FCC's Order?
- b. Should the Commission import evidence from these or other proceedings to a new docket addressing the various issues identified in the FCC's Order?
3. Should the Commission address issues affecting Verizon and Qwest in separate proceedings or in one generic proceeding addressing all companies?
 - a. If no party files a petition concerning a particular ILEC should the Commission initiate a proceeding or wait for a party to file a petition?
4. What hearing format should the Commission adopt for the various issues identified in the FCC's Order, i.e., a paper process, workshop, or hearing process?
5. Should the Commission coordinate any of the proceedings arising from the FCC's Order with other states in Qwest's region?

After reviewing all comments, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference within two weeks following the due date for comments. During the prehearing conference, the Commission will work to define the number, scope, format, and timing of any proceedings in Washington State necessary to implement the FCC's Triennial Review Order.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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UT-011219 Service List
UT-030614 Service List