

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

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| In the Matter of the Second Six- |) | DOCKET NO. UT-043007 |
| Month Review of |) | |
| |) | |
| QWEST CORPORATION'S |) | |
| |) | NOTICE OF PREHEARING |
| Performance Assurance Plan, |) | CONFERENCE |
| |) | (Set for February 11, 2004, |
| |) | 1:30 p.m.) |
| |) | |

- 1 Section 16 of Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan, or QPAP, provides for a review of certain performance standards, or performance indicator definitions (PIDs) every six months following the effective date of the QPAP to determine if any adjustments should be made to performance measures, benchmark or parity standards, or payment structures. The first six-month review period began on June 23, 2003, and ended in December 2003. On January 16, 2004, the Commission entered Order No. 05, Order on Issues Pending in First Six Month Review Period, in Docket No. UT-033020. The Commission opens a new docket and schedules this prehearing conference to commence the Commission's second six-month review of Qwest's QPAP.

- 2 Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, and RCW 80.36.610(1), and 47 U.S.C. § 271(d)(3)(C) and 47 U.S.C. § 252(f), having a legal obligation under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to continue to review Qwest's compliance with Section 271 of the Act and modification of Qwest's SGAT. Rules involved include those within chapters 480-07 WAC.

- 3 The ultimate issues are whether and how Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan, or QPAP, should be modified pursuant to Section 16 of the QPAP during the Commission's second six-month review period, which begins in January 2004.

4 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-07-440(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.

5 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on February 11, 2004, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** Persons who cannot attend the conference in person may participate via the Commission's teleconference bridge line **360-664-3846**. Persons desiring to participate via the bridge line must make advance reservations by calling Kippi Walker at 360-664-1139, no later than Tuesday, February 10, 2004.

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to take appearances and interventions, establish a procedural schedule for the proceeding, consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-07-430.

7 Notices of appearance and petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or made orally at the hearing. Appearances will be taken. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The time and place for evidentiary hearings, if any, will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

8 **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-07-450 ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.**

9 Administrative Law Judge Ann E. Rendahl, from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside at the prehearing conference and during all phases of this proceeding.

10 Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 27th day of January, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

Inquiries may be address to:

Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
(360) 664-1160

NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE: The hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and if limited English-speaking or hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be stated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket No.: _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____