

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of:

Qwest Corporation for Permanent
Exemption from the Provisions of WAC
480-120-255(3) Relating to Combining
Customer Notices

DOCKET NO. UT-_____

QWEST CORPORATION'S PETITION
FOR PERMANENT EXEMPTION
FROM ONE REQUIREMENT OF WAC
480-120-255(3)

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-120-015 and RCW 80.04.210, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for permanent exemption from the provisions of WAC 480-120-255(3) relating to combining customer notices.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

2 The Commission may grant exemptions from or modifications to its rules, "if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes."¹ Qwest's Petition meets these standards.

BACKGROUND

3 On September 15, 2006, Qwest filed a petition under Docket No. UT-061465, requesting exemption from WAC 480-120-255(3).

¹ WAC 480-07-110(1)

- 4 WAC 480-120-255(3) as adopted by the Commission on July 1, 2003, requires telecommunications companies to inform residential customers, via a single-topic notice, of their ability to block access to information delivery services.
- 5 On January 10, 2007 the Commission granted Qwest the waiver for a two-year period to evaluate any impact this exemption may have on consumers. Qwest did not seek a waiver of the requirement to notice residential customers of the blocking service (nor does it seek one now) only the requirement that the notice be through a single-topic bill insert.
- 6 Staff and Qwest have agreed that this exemption has not resulted in any consumer complaints and has not negatively impacted customers.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- 7 Exemption from WAC 480-120-255(3) is consistent with the public interest. Therefore, Qwest requests that the Commission grant this Permanent Exemption.

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