

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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In re Application of U S WEST, INC. and	)	
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	)	DOCKET NO. UT-991358
INTERNATIONAL INC.	)	
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For an Order Disclaiming Jurisdiction, or	)	
in the Alternative, Approving the	)	
U S WEST, Inc. – QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. Merger	)	

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**MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.’S  
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to WAC 480-09-430(1)(b), McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (“McLeodUSA”) hereby petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in the above-entitled docket. As grounds for intervention, McLeodUSA states as follows:

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On August 31, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation (“Qwest”), International Inc. and U S WEST, Inc. (“U S WEST”) filed a Joint Application requesting that the Commission issue an order disclaiming jurisdiction over the transaction, or in the alternative, approving the merger.

McLeodUSA’s application to provide local telecommunications services in Washington in exchanges in which U S WEST is the incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) is currently

pending before the Commission. McLeodUSA intends to offer competitive local service to residential and business customers in Washington.

McLeodUSA has a substantial interest in this proceeding because it intends to provide services in competition with U S WEST. In addition, McLeodUSA will interconnect with U S WEST and will likely purchase other related services from U S WEST pursuant to McLeodUSA's rights as a telecommunications carrier under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, McLeodUSA will be directly impacted by the proposed merger of U S WEST and Qwest. Therefore, McLeodUSA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this docket.

McLeod's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.

For the foregoing reasons, McLeodUSA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this proceeding and participate as a full party.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 1999.

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