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**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO SUPPLEMENT
RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 4
(Due by January 14, 2008)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation for Investigation Concerning the Status of Competition and Impact of the FCC's Triennial Review Remand Order on the Competitive Telecommunications Environment in Washington State, Docket UT-073035 (bifurcated)*

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) directs the following bench request to Qwest Corporation in Docket UT-073035. Please respond by January 14, 2008. The deadline for other parties are invited to comment on Qwest's responses is extended to January 29, 2008.

TO: Qwest Corporation:

Bench Request No. 4

On January 9, 2008, Qwest timely responded to Bench Request Nos. 3 and 4. While Qwest's response to Bench Request No. 4 appears to be true and accurate, it is not responsive to the inquiry posed. Please assume the *status quo* and respond to the following original Bench Request No. 4:

*According to the Joint CLEC comments filed in response to Bench Request No. 1, both Qwest and the Joint CLECs request approval of the Settlement Agreement in this proceeding only for the signatories of the document rather than all CLECs in Washington. **If the use of the Settlement Agreement business count methodology and the business count methodology established by UT-053025 result in different wire center***

impairment status or result in different Tier levels, how will the conflict be resolved in Qwest's filing of non-impaired wire centers with the Federal Communications Commission?

Please supplement the response to Bench Request No. 4 no later than **Monday, January 14, 2008**, with an original and 7 copies. If you have questions concerning this request, please contact Administrative Law Judge Patricia Clark at 360-664-1136, or via e-mail at pclark@utc.wa.gov.

To the extent it is applicable to the above requests, please provide your response to each request on a separate sheet of paper and repeat the bench request at the top of the page on which the response begins. Also, please indicate on the response the date the response was prepared, the individual who prepared the response, and the telephone number of the preparer. Please send your response via U.S. Mail to: Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504, and send an electronic response to the Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties