Agenda Date: December 10, 2003

Item Number

Docket: UT-030964

Company: Qwest Corporation

Staff: Tom Wilson, Telecommunications Analyst

Karen Caillé, Administrative Law Judge

Recommendation:

Continue until January 14, 2004, the rule adoption hearing in Docket No. UT-030964, Register No. WSR #03-16-063, changing from one local exchange company to another.

Background:

On August 1, 2003, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser that would amend WAC 480-120-146, as proposed by Qwest's June 17, 2003, petition. The CR-102 specified October 22, 2003, for the adoption hearing.

On October 22, 2003, the Commission continued the rule adoption hearing to December 10, 2003, in order for the parties to collaborate in drafting a new proposal to reflect national standards adopted by the FCC.

The parties have made progress in drafting the new proposal, but it is not yet complete. Moreover, Staff and the stakeholder group believe that the new proposal will differ substantially from the Quest proposal, and thus will require a supplemental CR-102 as provided in RCW 34.05.340.

Conclusion

Staff requests that the Commission continue this matter to January 14, 2004, at which time Staff will present the new proposal and request approval to file a supplemental CR-102 with the Code Reviser.