

**BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

PACIFIC BELL WIRELESS
NORTHWEST, LLC (a/k/a CINGULAR
WIRELESS),

Complainant,

v.

QWEST CORPORATION,

Respondent.

Docket No. UT-063048

**NARRATIVE SUPPORTING
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(Revised)**

- 1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-740(2), this revised Narrative Supporting Settlement Agreement (“Narrative”) summarizes the confidential Settlement Agreement that is being filed concurrently with this Narrative. It is not intended to modify any terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 2 This docket concerns disputes between Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC, a/k/a Cingular Wireless (“Cingular”) and Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) concerning the nature and compensation for SS7 signaling that Qwest provided to Cingular in connection with the exchange of local telecommunications traffic. Cingular alleged in its complaint that such signaling should have been provided without charge as part of local interconnection service under the Parties’ interconnection agreement. Qwest disputed those allegations, responding that Cingular had obtained such signaling out of Qwest’s tariff and that the full tariff rates were properly applied.
- 3 Cingular and Qwest agreed to settle and compromise the disputes by entering into a confidential Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement resolves the past

compensation issues, as well as the Parties' disagreement with respect to the terms and conditions governing Qwest's provision of SS7 signaling in connection with the exchange of local traffic on a going forward basis. The Parties have agreed on a level of compensation for Qwest's provisioning of SS7 signaling for the period referenced in the complaint. The Parties have also reached an understanding with respect to how local traffic associated with Qwest's provisioning of SS7 signaling to Cingular will be identified and the applicable amount of compensation applied.

- 4 These matters are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Settlement Agreement resolves the issues raised in Cingular's complaint. The Parties assert that the Agreement is in the public interest because the complaint raises intercarrier issues that are specific to the Parties and do not directly impact consumers, and early resolution of the Parties' dispute conserves limited Party and Commission resources that would otherwise be devoted to litigating Cingular's claims.
- 5 Cingular and Qwest have filed a joint motion requesting Commission approval of the confidential Settlement Agreement. The Parties do not believe that a hearing on the Settlement Agreement is necessary but will provide witnesses in support of the Settlement if requested to do so by the Commission.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2006.

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