

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-031036
)	
Qwest Corporation,)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,)	
)	
For Less Than Required Notice in)	ORDER GRANTING LESS
Connection with Contract)	THAN REQUIRED NOTICE
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 26, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Commission a twenty four month contract for Qwest Business Line Service.

- 2 WAC 480-80-142 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the contract. The Company requests an earlier effective date of July 9, 2003, as authorized in WAC 480-80-142. Qwest states that the customer desires to have this type of service in operation in Washington as soon as possible in order for the customer to oversee its operation in all 14 states.

- 3 Since the proposed contract appears to be fair, just, and reasonable, and less than required notice is consistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the Commission grant Qwest's request with an effective date of July 9, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*

- 5 (2) Qwest is a telecommunications company and is a public service company
subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 6 (3) Qwest is subject to the provisions of WAC 480-80-142 requiring
telecommunications companies to file contracts for any rate or charge with
thirty days' notice, however, for good cause shown the Commission may
allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.
- 7 (4) Staff has reviewed the request in Docket No. UT-031036 and
recommended the less than required notice request of Qwest be granted.
- 8 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on July 9, 2003.
- 9 (6) After examination of the proposed contract filed by Qwest on June 26,
2003, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause
shown, the Commission finds the proposed contract should become
effective on July 9, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) The request sought by Qwest Corporation for less than required notice is
granted.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the
public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9th day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary