BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of

QWEST CORPORATION

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Regarding the Sale and Transfer of Qwest Dex to Dex Holdings, LLC, a non-affiliate DOCKET NO. UT-021120

COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD

The Commission Staff moves to supplement the record with Qwest Communications International Inc.'s (QCII) SEC Form 8-K filing dated June 9, 2003. As set forth below, this evidence is directly relevant to the issues in this docket and was not available during the hearing.

stated that: "QCI has more than \$8.5 billion of debt maturing in the next five years and more than \$6.5 billion maturing during the next three years. The cash to be provided by the sale of DEX remains critical to reducing the company's high level of debt." Exhibit 172, at 20. ll. 8-11. In a chart set forth in his testimony, Mr. Cummings noted \$2.655

billion of debt maturing in 2003. Part of that debt, just over \$1 billion, is issued to Qwest

In his pre-filed direct testimony in this docket, Qwest witness Peter C. Cummings

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Corporation (QC). *Id.* On cross-examination, Mr. Cummings testified that debt matures in June of 2003. Tr. at 559-60.

During the hearing, Staff witness Dr. Glenn Blackmon testified that Qwest intended to refinance that \$1 billion loan, and improve the interest rate. Tr. 1463-64. This testimony is relevant to Staff's position that QCII does not need to sell Dex in order to avoid default on its obligations. *Id.*, ll. 20-23.

In its June 9, 2003, press release announcing the refinance, QC stated:

Qwest Communications International Inc. (NYSE: Q) today announced that its Qwest Corporation (QC) subsidiary completed its senior term loan facility totaling \$1.75 billion principal amount of indebtedness. Reacting to strong demand, a reflection of market confidence in QC's future, the company increased the previously announced term loan by 75 percent from \$1 billion to \$1.75 billion. QC has received the net proceeds today.

The SEC Form 8-K provides the details of this refinance. This information is relevant to this docket because much of the testimony presented in this case, and the position taken by the company and Staff, directly relate to the financial condition of QCII and QC. This evidence will aid the Commission in making its decision in this docket.

A diskette containing the June 9, 2003, SEC Form 8-K is filed with this pleading, along with one paper copy. Due to the length of the 8-K, we are serving parties with an electronic copy, only. However, we will provide a paper copy upon request.

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