

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

QWEST CORPORATION,)	DOCKET UT-063038
)	
Complainant,)	ORDER 06
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,)	FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
PAC-WEST TELECOMM, INC.,)	FILE RESPONSES TO PETITION
NORTHWEST TELEPHONE INC.,)	FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
TCG SEATTLE, ELECTRIC)	REVIEW
LIGHTWAVE, INC., ADVANCED)	
TELCOM, INC. D/B/A ESCHELON)	(Due Wednesday,
TELECOM, INC., FOCAL)	November 14, 2007, by 3 p.m.)
COMMUNICATIONS)	
CORPORATION, GLOBAL)	
CROSSING LOCAL SERVICES INC.,)	
AND, MCI WORLDCOM)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)	
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Respondents.)	
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1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a complaint in this docket, Docket UT-063038, against nine competitive local exchange carriers or CLECs, alleging that the companies' use of virtual NXX or VNXX numbering arrangements violates Qwest's access tariffs, prescribed exchange areas, and state law, and is contrary to public policy.

2 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY.** On October 5, 2007, Administrative Law Judge Theodora M. Mace entered an Initial Order, Order 05 in this docket. Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), Broadwing Communications, LLC (Broadwing), the Washington Independent Telephone Association (WITA), Electric Lightwave, Inc., (ELI) Advanced Telecom, Inc. (ATI), and Pac-West Telecomm, Inc. (Pac-West), filed petitions for administrative review of the Initial Order on October 25, 2007.

3 On October 29, 2007, Qwest filed a motion for an extension of time until Wednesday,
November 14, 2007, to file responses to the petitions for review.

4 **APPEARANCES.** Lisa A. Anderl, Associate General Counsel, and Adam Sherr,
Senior Counsel, Seattle, Washington, represent Qwest. Gregory J. Kopta, Davis
Wright Tremaine, LLP, Seattle, Washington, represents Pac-West, Northwest
Telephone, Inc., Broadwing, and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. (Global
Crossing). Tamar E. King, Edward W. Kirsch and Frank G. Lamancusa, Bingham
McCutchen, LLP, Washington, D.C., represent Level 3 and Broadwing. Gregory L.
Castle, Senior Counsel, AT&T Services, Inc., San Francisco, California, represents
TCG Seattle. Charles L. Best, Vice President, Government Affairs, Portland Oregon,
and Dennis D. Ahlers, Associate General Counsel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, represent
ELI and ATI. Richard A. Finnigan, attorney, Olympia, Washington, represents
WITA. Calvin K. Simshaw, Associate General Counsel, Vancouver, Washington,
represents CenturyTel. Jonathan Thompson, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia,
Washington, represents the Commission's regulatory staff (Commission Staff or
Staff).¹

5 **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.** Under WAC 480-07-825(4), answers to
petitions for administrative review of an initial order must be filed within ten days
after the petition is filed. Parties filed petitions for review on October 25, resulting in
a November 5 deadline for answers to the petitions. Qwest requests the Commission
extend the filing deadline for answers from November 5 to November 14, 2007.
Qwest further requests that parties be allowed to submit answers electronically with
the Commission on Wednesday, November 14, with paper copies filed on Thursday,
November 15.

6 Qwest asserts that the petitions for review raise numerous issues that will require
significant effort to respond to. Qwest further notes that all parties in this docket have
agreed to, or have no objection to, the requested extension.

¹ In formal proceedings, such as this case, the Commission's regulatory staff functions as an independent party with the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities as any other party to the proceeding. There is an "ex parte wall" separating the Commissioners, the presiding Administrative Law Judge, and the Commissioners' policy and accounting advisors from all parties, including Staff. RCW 34.05.455.

- 7 The Commission may establish a different time for filing answers to petitions for review. *WAC 480-07-825 (4)(b)*. Qwest demonstrates sufficient cause to extend the time for filing answers in this docket and no party objects to requested extension. Qwest's motion for an extension of time is granted.
- 8 Further, as allowed under *WAC 480-07-145(6)*, the parties are granted a one-day extension of the paper-filing requirement, allowing parties to submit documents to the Commission electronically on the filing deadline. Parties may submit documents electronically either through the Commission's Records Center Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or via e-mail to records@utc.wa.gov, and must file an original, plus **seven** paper copies, of the document with the Commission by **Noon** on the following business day.
- 9 Parties may file answers to the petitions for administrative review by submitting answers **electronically to the Commission by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007**, and filing **an original and seven paper copies with the Commission by Noon on Thursday, November 15, 2007**.
- 10 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (10) calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective October 31, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary