BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) DOCKET NO. UT-021120
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QWEST CORPORATION)
) TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL
) ORDER: APPROVING AND
Regarding the Sale and Transfer of) ADOPTING JOINT PROPOSAL
Qwest Dex to Dex Holdings, LLC, a) FOR DISPOSITION OF BILL
non-affiliate) CREDIT RESIDUARY
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BACKGROUND

- The Commission's 10th Supplemental Order in this proceeding required, among other things, that Qwest would provide a \$67 million bill credit to its customers. Qwest has completed distribution of the bill credit, providing a set amount per access line. There are "residual funds" in the amount of \$56,244.
- 2 On March 11, 2004, Qwest, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, AARP, FEA/DOD, and WeBTEC submitted a joint proposal for the disposition of the residual funds. The Parties propose that the residual funds be paid to the Community Voicemail Program for use in Washington State.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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.
- 4 (2) Qwest is engaged in the business of providing telecommunications services within the state of Washington and is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the provisions of Chapter 80.36 RCW.

- 5 (3) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on March 24, 2004. There were no objections to the proposed disposition of the residual funds.
- 6 (4) The Commission finds and concludes that the joint proposal provides a reasonable and effective mechanism for using the residual funds and that it should be approved as being in the public interest.

<u>ORDER</u>

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS That the Parties' joint proposal, which is attached to this Order as Appendix A and incorporated into the body of this Order by this reference, is approved and adopted. The Commission directs Qwest Corporation to pay the entire residual amount as provided in the joint proposal.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 24th day of March, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner