

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

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-063061
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QWEST CORPORATION)	ORDER 21
)	
and)	
)	ORDER APPROVING FULLY
ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.)	NEGOTIATED AMENDMENT TO
)	INTERCONNECTION
Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252(b).)	AGREEMENT
)	
.....)	

1 **SYNOPSIS.** *The Commission approves the fully negotiated amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Eschelon.*

2 **NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING.** Docket UT-063061 concerns a request by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Eschelon Telecom, Inc., (Eschelon) to arbitrate an Interconnection Agreement (ICA) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(b)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act).

3 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY.** By Order 20, entered April 2, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approved the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Eschelon.¹ On September 1, 2009, Qwest filed a fully negotiated amendment to the interconnection agreement approved by the Commission.

¹ A complete procedural history of this docket is set forth in Order 18, Final Order Granting, In Part, Eschelon’s Petition for Review and Granting, In Part, Qwest’s Petition for Review; Affirming, In Part, and Modifying, In Part, Arbitrator’s Report and Decision, entered October 16, 2008, and will not be repeated here.

- 4 **DECISION.** We reviewed the amendment to the parties' current interconnection agreement.² We approve the fully negotiated amendment to the interconnection agreement and find that the negotiated amendment to the agreement is consistent with the public interest and does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier.

ORDER

- 5 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS** That the fully negotiated amendment to the Interconnection Agreement of Qwest Corporation and Eschelon Telecom, Inc., filed with the Commission on September 1, 2009, is approved.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective September 25, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner

PHILIP B. JONES, Commissioner

² A copy of the amendment is attached to this Order as Appendix A and, by this reference, incorporated herein.

APPENDIX A