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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket Nos. UT-023003 and UT-003013

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This is in response to the Commission's July 2, 2002, Notice allowing parties to file answers to Verizon's motion to suspend the procedural schedule in Docket No. UT-023003. Qwest supports Verizon's motion and believes that Verizon states good cause for the delay requested. Qwest independently supports a 4-6 week delay to enable it to complete work on a new switching cost model.

Additionally, Qwest would like to advise the Commission and the parties that, during the prehearing conference on July 11, it will propose consolidation of some or all of the issues in Part E of Docket No. UT-003013 into Docket No. UT-023003. Such consolidation, if granted by the Commission, may also support or require additional time in the new docket.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties (*via e-mail and U.S. Mail*)