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**NOTICE GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
(Deadline Extended To Two Business Days After  
Responses to Bench Requests 9, 10, and 11 Are Filed)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of QWEST CORPORATION to be Regulated  
Under an Alternative Form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.  
Docket UT-061625*

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On May 14, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Bench Requests 9, 10, and 11 to Qwest Corporation (Qwest). Responses to the Bench Requests were due on May 21, 2007, and comments from other parties were due on May 24, 2007.

Qwest submitted responses that were defective because the responses did not include cited attachments, included documents that were electronically unreadable, and the responses did not comply with the Commission's filing requirements. Accordingly, the Commission's Records Center did not post the documents but rather, attempted to work informally with Qwest to rectify the problems. These problems were not resolved by the deadline established in the Notice of Bench Requests for filing comments to the Bench Request Responses.

On May 24, 2007, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed a request for extension of time to file comments. Staff requested two days after the Responses have been correctly filed and posted to the docket to file any comments it may have.

According to WAC 480-07-385(2), the Commission will grant a continuance if the requesting party demonstrates good cause for the continuance and the continuance will not prejudice any party or the Commission. Staff stated good cause for the continuance. Obviously, neither Staff nor any other party can determine if it has comments regarding the Responses until it has the opportunity to review them.

Granting additional time to file comments should not prejudice any party or the Commission.

Because the defects in the Responses have yet to be remedied, it is impossible to establish a date certain for comments. Accordingly, Staff's request is granted and all parties will be afforded two business days to file comments after the Responses have been correctly filed and posted in the docket.

According to WAC 480-07-145(6), parties are permitted to submit their comments electronically. This affords the parties a one-day extension of time to submit paper copies of the comments.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the request for extension of time filed by Commission Staff is granted and the deadline for all parties to file comments to Responses to Bench Requests 9, 10, and 11, is extended for two business days after the Responses have been correctly filed and posted to the docket.**

Sincerely,

PATRICIA CLARK  
Administrative Law Judge