

**BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUED</b>	)	
<b>COSTING AND PRICING OF UNBUNDLED</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. UT-003013</b>
<b>NETWORKING ELEMENTS, TRANSPORT,</b>	)	<b>PART B</b>
<b>TERMINATION AND RESALE</b>	)	

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**JOINT INTERVENORS' RESPONSE  
TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 20**

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc.,  
Electric Lightwave, Inc., Focal Communications of Washington, McLeodUSA  
Telecommunications Services, Inc, XO Washington, Inc., f/k/a NEXTLINK Washington, Inc.,  
and WorldCom, Inc., (“Joint Intervenors”) hereby submit their response to Bench Request No.  
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**CONTINUED COSTING AND PRICING  
WUTC Docket No. UT-003013**

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Washington  
Docket No. UT-003013 Part B  
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In reference to Klick/Pitkin Response Testimony dated October 23, 2000, page 46, lines 7 to 9, identify the "emerging technology" that "often permits deloading without adversely affecting the quality of voice service." Include in the response any literature that describes pertinent technological capabilities and limitations. Also, identify telecommunications carriers that are using this technology.

**RESPONSE:**

The term "emerging technology" in the cited section should actually read "existing technology." The ability of existing technology to permit deloading without adversely affecting the quality of voice service is discussed in the FCC's Third Report and Order on Reconsideration, *In the Matter of Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket No. 98-147, FCC 01-26 (released January 19, 2001) at ¶¶ 35-37.

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