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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,
A COLORADO CORPORATION, FOR A
HEARING TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS
OF THE COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF
THE COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING
PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND
REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON
AND TO APPROVE RATE SCHEDULES
DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-99-0105
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS
INC.'S OBJECTION TO
TELEPHONE RETIREE
ASSOCIATION-ARIZONA, INC.'S
MOTION TO INTERVENE

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") objects to the motion to intervene filed by the Telephone Retiree Association-Arizona, Inc. ("TRAA") on September 16, 1999. The Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") should reject TRAA's motion to intervene in the above matter because: (1) the time for intervention has passed; and (2) the issues on which TRAA seeks intervention are not appropriately addressed in this docket.

TRAA filed a motion to intervene in this matter on September 16, 1999. However, the Rate Case Procedural Order issued on March 4, 1999, set a deadline of July 2, 1999, by which all motions to intervene had to have been filed by. Therefore, the Commission should deny TRAA's motion to intervene.

Additionally, in its motion, TRAA states that its purpose in intervening is to raise issues and concerns relative to the

1 proposed merger between U S WEST and Qwest Communications
2 Corporation. TRAA Motion at ¶ 3 and ¶ 4. This docket is not the
3 appropriate forum in which to raise such concerns.

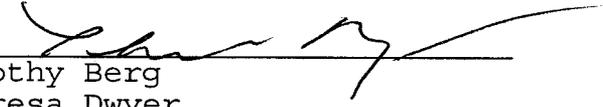
4 Based on the foregoing, U S WEST requests that the
5 Commission deny TRAA intervention here.

6 DATED this 27th day of September, 1999.

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