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IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST)	Docket No. T-00000A-97-0238
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S)	
COMPLIANCE WITH § 271 OF THE)	JOINT PROPOSAL OF QWEST AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)	COMMISSION STAFF TO MODIFY
)	PROCEDURAL ORDER

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and the Arizona Corporation Commission Staff (the "Staff") respectfully submit the following Joint Proposal to further address the issues raised in their Joint Motion filed on July 27, 2001 and the issues raised by AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("AT&T") in its Motion to Suspend the OSS Test filed on August 9, 2001.

Qwest and the Staff have discussed this Joint Proposal with representatives from both AT&T and WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"). While Staff and Qwest have tried very hard to meet the CLEC's concerns in this Joint Proposal, it is the Staff's and Qwest's understanding, based upon discussions with AT&T and WorldCom, that they continue to have some concerns with aspects of the schedule, however they will not object at this time as long as certain safeguards are adhered to. In addition, it is Staff's and Qwest's understanding that AT&T will withdraw its Motion to Suspend the OSS Test, as long as these safeguards are met.

Accordingly, in addition to the process set forth in their July 27, 2001 Joint Motion, both Staff and Qwest would propose that the process be augmented with the following safeguards. CGE&Y will issue Draft Reports on the Functionality Test and the Capacity Test pursuant to the schedule attached. However, CGE&Y will not issue the Draft Reports on the Functionality Test and the Capacity Test until it has issued all IWOs resulting from those tests and Qwest has responded to such IWOs. The procedure set forth in the Joint Motion will apply to the workshops on the Relationship Management Evaluation, the Functionality Test, the Capacity Test and the Draft Final Report.

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1 CGE&Y is currently preparing retesting proposals, and will issue such proposals pursuant
2 to the procedure agreed to in the TAG. Following the conclusion of retesting, the closure of all
3 IWOs, and confirmation that all exit criteria in the Test Standards Document have been met,
4 CGE&Y will issue a Draft Final Report, which will include the retesting results from all four
5 phases of the OSS test. The current scheduled date for CGE&Y to issue the Draft Final Report
6 to all parties is November 21, 2001.

7 However, the parties understand that this date and other dates contained in the schedule
8 below may change as a result of the retesting plan and the actual course of the retesting. Thus, if
9 additional retesting is necessary following November 21, 2001, or all the exit criteria have not
10 been met by November 21, 2001, the Draft Final Report shall not be issued on November 21,
11 2001. The November 21, 2001 date and all remaining schedule dates will be vacated and the
12 parties will submit a new schedule to the Hearing Division, based on the negotiations of the
13 parties and the Staff and Qwest's Motion to Modify the June 12, 2000 Procedural Order, to the
14 extent objections have not been made to the Motion. In addition, the schedule set forth below is
15 contingent upon CGE&Y and the Staff and its consultants being able to perform and complete
16 the test in such a manner so that the quality and integrity of the test is not adversely impacted.
17 Staff and its consultants will request an extension of any and all dates set forth below, if events
18 or issues arise which in the Staff's and its consultant's opinion, require additional time to
19 resolve.

20 However, the new schedule will generally provide for the following process intervals.
21 Parties will have 14 days following issuance of the Draft Final Report to submit comments and
22 questions on the Draft Final Report. CGE&Y will have 5 days to submit written responses to the
23 questions. Immediately thereafter, the Workshop on the Final Report will be held. CGE&Y will
24 issue a revised Final Report within seven (7) days of the Workshop. Staff will issue a
25 Recommendation to the Commission as soon thereafter as possible. The parties will have 10
26 days to submit comments on the Final Report and the Staff Recommendation. Staff and Qwest
27 further recommend that the Commission hold a two-day Special Open Meeting to consider the
28 Final Report and the Staff Recommendation.

1 In addition, Qwest and Staff strongly urge the Commission to hold two interim Special
2 Open Meetings to address the remaining disputed Checklist Items. Qwest and Staff strongly
3 urge that these issues be addressed outside of the normal Open Meeting schedule, which will
4 allow parties to better plan and prepare for the Meetings and issues raised and will give ample
5 time for parties to present their positions to the Commission.

6 At the Final Special Open Meeting, the Commission will consider whether to recommend
7 to the FCC that Qwest has met the requirements of Sections 271 and 272 of the 1996 Act and
8 whether to grant or deny Qwest's application to provide interLATA services originating in
9 Arizona.

10 Qwest and Staff propose that the schedule attached to the Joint Motion of the Staff and
11 Qwest be amended as set forth below.

12 OSS Workshop Series¹

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| 13 | A. | Relationship Management Report Workshop | September 25-28, 2001 |
| 14 | B. | Functionality Test Draft Report Issued to TAG | October 1, 2001 |
| 15 | C. | Capacity Test Draft Report Issued to TAG | October 1, 2001 |
| 16 | D. | Parties Submit Questions and Comments
on Draft Capacity Report | October 12, 2001 |
| 17 | E. | CGE&Y Responds to Questions on
Capacity Report | October 19, 2001 |
| 18 | F. | Parties Submit Questions and Comments
on Draft Functionality Report, along with
any data for consideration at the Workshop | October 22, 2001 |
| 19 | G. | Capacity Test Draft Report Workshop | October 25-26, 2001 |
| 20 | H. | CGE&Y Responds to Questions on
Functionality Report | November 1, 2001 |
| 21 | I. | Functionality Test Draft Report Workshop | November 5-8, 2001 |
| 22 | J. | Parties Submit Briefs on Functionality
and Capacity Test Workshops | November 16, 2001 |
| 23 | K. | Draft Final Report Issued to TAG | November 21, 2001 |
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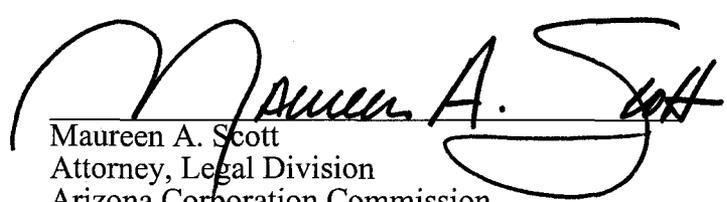
28 ¹ These are projected dates and are subject to change depending upon the need for further retesting.

- 1 L. Parties Submit Questions and Comments on Draft Final Report December 3, 2001
- 2 M. Draft Final Report Workshop December 4-7, 2001
- 3 N. Final Report Issued to TAG and Commission December 12, 2001
- 4 O. Staff Report Issued to TAG and Commission December 12, 2001
- 5 P. Parties Submit Comments on Final Reports December 21, 2001

Special Open Meeting Series

- 7 A. Disputed Checklist Items 1, 2, 5, 6 and Emerging Services October 15, 2001
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- 9 B. Performance Assurance Plan November 15, 2001
- 10 C. Remaining Disputed Checklist Items November 16, 2001
- 11 D. OSS Final Report and Remaining Issues December 27-28, 2001

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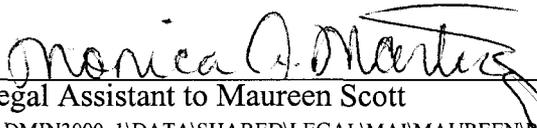
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