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IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S COMPLIANCE
WITH § 271 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996.

DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-0238

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

In Decision No. 64836 (May 21, 2002) the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") considered whether Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") was in compliance with Checklist Item No. 4 of the 14 point checklist which specifies the access and interconnection a Bell Operating Company must provide to other telecommunication carriers in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Checklist Item No. 4 concerns access to the local loop. In Decision No. 64836, the Commission required Qwest to undergo an independent third-party examination of its records, back office systems and loop qualification databases in Arizona 18 months after final approval of Qwest's Section 271 application, with the purpose providing "an important check on whether Qwest's systems are working." Order at 15. Qwest received Federal Communications Commission approval of its Section 271 application on December 3, 2003, and thus, the subject audit would be scheduled to commence on or around June 3, 2005.

On March 29, 2005, Qwest filed an Application for Waiver from the Independent Audit Requirement of Decision No. 64836.

By Procedural Order dated April 20, 2005, the Commission set deadlines for responding to Qwest's Application for Waiver.

Pursuant to the April 20, 2005, Procedural Order, Dieca Communications, Inc. dba Covad Communications Company ("Covad") filed a Response. The Procedural Order also provided that Commission Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") should file a Staff Response to the request by May 31, 2005.

1 On April 20, 2005, Qwest and Staff notified that the Hearing Division, that Qwest desired to
2 talk with Covad about its objections, and expressed the belief that the Staff Response would be more
3 fully informed after the results of the Qwest/Covad discussions are known. Qwest and Staff
4 requested an extension of the deadline for the Staff Response. Qwest requested an indefinite
5 extension pending a notice from Qwest that discussions were complete.

6 By Procedural Order dated May 27, 2005, the deadline for filing the Staff Response was
7 continued indefinitely.

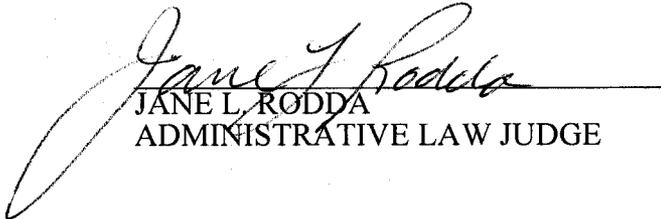
8 At a Procedural Conference on June 1, 2005, Qwest and Covad reported that they were
9 engaging in discussions that might resolve issues raised by Covad. By Procedural Order dated June
10 13, 2005, the Commission scheduled a procedural conference for July 6, 2005, to determine the status
11 of the parties' discussions. The June 13, 2005, Procedural Order provided that Qwest's obligations
12 under Decision No. 64836 to engage in a third-party audit are suspended pending Commission
13 resolution of the waiver request.

14 At the July 6, 2005 Procedural Conference, the parties reported that although the discussions
15 between Qwest and Covad have not resolved their differences, the parties, including Staff, were still
16 engaged in discovery and recommended that the Commission convene another status conference in
17 approximately 30 days.

18 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **telephonic Procedural Conference** for the purpose of
19 determining the status of the parties investigation into Qwest's Waiver Request shall commence on
20 **August 4, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Commission's offices, 400 West Congress Street, Tucson,
21 Arizona. The phone number for the Procedural Conference is **602 542-9000**.

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
23 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

24 DATED this 6th day of July, 2005.

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28 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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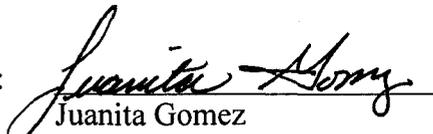
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