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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Utilities Division

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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DATE: August 15, 2001

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF THE SINGLE POINT OF PRESENCE AMENDMENT TO THE PAGING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH WEBLINK WIRELESS, INC. (DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0588)

On July 24, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink Wireless, Inc. ("WebLink"). The underlying Agreement was approved by the Commission on May 4, 2001, in Decision No. 63645.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for the Single Point of Presence are added.

According to the 1996 Act and State Rule, the Commission must approve voluntarily negotiated interconnection and resale agreements if their provisions are non-discriminatory and in the public interest. Staff has reviewed the Amendment and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the public interest. Qwest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition in the local exchange market in Arizona.

Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Amendment pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink.


Steven M. Olea
Acting Director
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Arizona Corporation Commission

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Chairman
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Commissioner
MARC SPITZER
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0588
OF QWEST CORPORATION F/K/A U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR APPROVAL)
OF THE SINGLE POINT OF PRESENCE) DECISION NO. _____
AMENDMENT TO THE PAGING)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
WEBLINK WIRELESS, INC.) ORDER

Open Meeting
August 28 and 29, 2001
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On July 24, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., filed an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Paging Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink Wireless, Inc. ("WebLink"). The original Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission on May 4, 2001, in Decision No. 63645.

2. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation.

3. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

4. Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for Single Point of Presence are added.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and WebLink filed on July 24, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this ____ day of _____, 2001.

BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT: _____

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