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FROM: Utilities Division

AZ CORP COMMISSION
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DATE: November 15, 2001

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN LIS FORECASTING AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC (DOCKET NOS. T-01051B-01-0749 AND T-03574A-01-0749)

On September 21, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC ("MCImetro"). The original Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission on July 30, 1997, in Decision No. 60308.

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 MCImetro was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for LIS Forecasting 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.

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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 MCImetro.

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Ernest G. Johnson

Director

Utilities Division

EGJ:EAA:rdp/MAS

ORIGINATOR: Erinn Andreasen

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

2 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
Chairman
3 JIM IRVIN
Commissioner
4 MARC SPITZER
Commissioner
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6 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NOS. T-01051B-01-0749
OF QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL) T-03574A-01-0749
7 OF AN LIS FORECASTING AMENDMENT TO)
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) DECISION NO. _____
8 WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)
SERVICES, LLC) ORDER
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10 Open Meeting
November 27 and 28, 2001
11 Phoenix, Arizona

12 BY THE COMMISSION:

13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 1. On September 21, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed an Application for
15 approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection between Qwest and MCI metro Access
16 Transmission Services, LLC ("MCI metro"). The original Interconnection Agreement was
17 approved by the Commission on July 30, 1997, in Decision No. 60308.

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

22 3. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCI metro
23 was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

24 4. Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for LIS Forecasting are
25 added.

26 5. According to the 1996 Act and Commission Rule, the Commission must approve
27 voluntarily negotiated interconnection and resale agreements, if their provisions are non-
28 discriminatory and in the public interest.

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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the LIS Forecasting Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro filed on September 21, 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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