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6 IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION'S
TARIFF FILING TO INTRODUCE A NEW RATE
7 STRUCTURE FOR AN ACCESS SERVICE USED
BY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS.

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PROCEDURAL ORDER

8 **BY THE COMMISSION:**

9 On May 7, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to introduce five new rate
10 elements in the Common Channel Signaling Access Capability ("CCSAC") section of the Access
11 Service Tariff - ISUP and TCAP Signal Transport, and ISUP and TCAP Signal Switching. These
12 new rate elements would apply to carriers that interface with Qwest's signaling network. The access
13 services used by interexchange carriers are included in Basket 2 of the Price Cap Plan approved by
14 the Commission in Decision No. 63487.

15 On June 5, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63745, suspended the tariff until
16 September 3, 2001, to allow Staff to complete its review of the filing.

17 On August 30, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63978, suspended the tariff for an
18 additional 180 days, in order to allow Staff to continue its review of the application and to allow time
19 for Qwest and a third-party SS7 provider to reach a resolution of the issues raised in the filing. The
20 Commission also ordered the Hearing Division to set this matter for hearing.

21 By Procedural Order issued October 10, 2001, intervention was granted to e-spire
22 Communications, Inc., Cox Arizona Telecom, LLC ("Cox"), and Eschelon Telecom of Arizona, Inc.
23 In addition, a hearing was scheduled for January 3 and 4, 2002.

24 On October 17, 2001, Qwest filed a Motion for Amendment of the Procedural Order. Qwest
25 requested that the Commission establish a deadline for future intervention requests and instruct that
26 additional requests for intervention be made by formal motion and served on counsel for all parties of
27 record.
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1 On October 19, 2001, Citizens Communications Company ("Citizens"), Electric Lightwave,
2 Inc. ("ELI"), and Illuminet each filed requests to intervene in this proceeding. No party opposed
3 these requests for intervention.

4 On November 2, 2001, Cox filed a Response to Qwest's Motion to Amend the Procedural
5 Order. Cox proposed that the hearing date be moved to January 10, 2002, and that certain other dates
6 be established for filing of testimony.

7 On November 6, 2001, Qwest filed a Reply in Support of the Motion for Amendment of the
8 Procedural Order. Qwest proposes that the hearing date be changed to January 17, 2002 and that
9 following dates be observed for filing testimony: Qwest Direct Testimony– November 30, 2001;
10 Intervenor/Staff Direct Testimony – December 19, 2001; and Qwest Rebuttal Testimony – January
11 10, 2002.

12 On November 16, 2001, a procedural teleconference was conducted with the parties to discuss
13 testimony and hearing dates. It was agreed during the teleconference that the dates proposed by
14 Qwest would be adopted. It was further agreed that discovery would be answered within 10 days of
15 receipt, except following the filing of Qwest's Rebuttal testimony, when discovery responses shall be
16 served within 48 hours of receipt.

17 The current 180-day suspension of the tariff will expire on February 26, 2002. However,
18 given the level of interest in this case, as well as Qwest's request to reschedule the hearing date from
19 January 3 to January 17, 2002, the suspension deadline shall be extended until March 19, 2002.

20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in this matter be rescheduled for January 17
21 and 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's offices at 1200
22 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest's Direct Testimony shall be filed by November 30,
24 2001, that Intervenor and Staff Direct testimony shall be filed by December 19, 2001, and that
25 Qwest's Rebuttal testimony shall be filed by January 10, 2002.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the discovery timelines set forth above shall be observed.

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Citizens, ELI, and Illuminet are hereby granted
28 intervention.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Citizens, ELI, and Illuminet are hereby granted
2 intervention.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any additional intervention requests shall be filed in the
4 form of a formal motion by no later than November 30, 2001, and served on all parties of record.

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the 180-day suspension of the tariff deadline shall be
6 extended until March 19, 2002.

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

9 DATED this 27th day of November, 2001.

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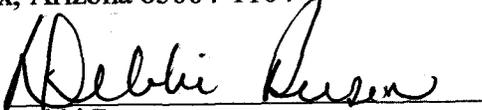
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