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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: August 15, 2001

AZ CORP COMMISSION
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RE: IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATIONS TARIFF FILING TO INTRODUCE A NEW RATE STRUCTURE FOR AN ACCESS SERVICE USED BY INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS (DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0391)

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

On June 5, 2001, the Commission, in Decision No. 63745, suspended the tariff until September 3, 2001, to allow Staff to complete its review of the filing. Staff is continuing its review of this filing and investigating issues that have been raised in other jurisdictions. In addition, Staff has facilitated discussions between Qwest and a third party provider of SS7 services regarding the filing. These discussions have not yet concluded and are continuing between the parties.

Staff believes Qwest and the third party SS7 provider may reach resolution on the issues raised and, therefore, recommends that the filing be suspended for an additional period of one hundred eighty (180) days.

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Acting Director
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Arizona Corporation Commission

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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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)

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-01-0391

DECISION NO. _____

ORDER

9 Open Meeting
August 28 and 29, 2001
10 Phoenix, Arizona

11 BY THE COMMISSION:

12 FINDINGS OF FACT

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Qwest is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Qwest and over the subject matter of the application.

3. The Commission having reviewed the tariff filing and Staff's Memorandum August 15, 2001, concludes that it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for an additional period of one hundred eighty (180) days.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby is suspended until and including March 2, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED 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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