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IN THE MATTER OF QWEST  
COMMUNICATIONS, INTERNATIONAL,  
INC.'S, QWEST SERVICES CORPORATION'S  
AND QWEST CORPORATION'S NOTICE  
OF SALE, REQUEST FOR WAIVER, OR  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
SALE OF THE ARIZONA OPERATIONS  
OF QWEST DEX, INC.

Docket No. T-01051B-02-0666

**STAFF REQUEST FOR A  
PROCEDURAL ORDER**

On August 30, 2002, Qwest Communications International, Inc. ("QCI"), Qwest Services Corporation ("QSC"), and Qwest Corporation ("QC") (collectively "Qwest") filed a Notice with the Commission pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-803, A.A.C. R14-2-804, and A.A.C. R14-2-806, of the sale of its directory publishing assets in Arizona owned by QwestDex, Inc. ("Dex") to an unrelated third-party buyer. In the Notice, Qwest requests that the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission" or "ACC") declare that: (1) this transaction falls within the scope of the waiver granted in ACC Decision No. 58087; or (2) the sale of Directory Assets is not subject to ACC regulation based on a 1988 Mountain Bell Settlement Agreement. Alternatively, Qwest requests in the Notice, that the ACC waive compliance, in part, with the Affiliated Interest Rules<sup>1</sup> or approve the Sale of Directory Assets.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See A.A.C. R14-2-801 through A.A.C. R14-2-806 (the "Rules").

<sup>2</sup> At the request of Staff, in letters to Staff dated September 16, 2002 and October 25, 2002, QCI, QSC and QC waived and/or extended the deadlines set forth in R14-2-806C and R14-2-803B until December 30, 2002. Staff requests suspension of all deadlines set forth in the rules until a final Commission Order is released.

1 Staff commenced discovery in this proceeding immediately after Qwest filed its  
2 Notice and recently hired a consultant, Utilitech, to assist it with its evaluation and  
3 recommendations with respect to the issues raised in Qwest's filing. In proposing the  
4 following procedural schedule, Staff anticipates that there remains considerable discovery  
5 which needs to be undertaken with regard to Qwest's filing. Staff also contemplates that  
6 because of Qwest's jurisdictional arguments, extensive time and analysis will need to be  
7 devoted to respond to these issues, as well as the substantive issues raised by the filing.  
8 In addition, Staff has also taken into account the number of other Dockets pending  
9 involving Qwest which will all require the devotion of significant Staff resources during  
10 this same time period.

11 In consideration of these factors, Staff respectfully requests that the Hearing  
12 Division issue a Procedural Order establishing the schedule for this proceeding as  
13 follows:

14	Qwest Direct Testimony	February 4, 2003
15	Staff/Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony	April 1, 2003
16	Qwest Surrebuttal Testimony	May 6, 2003
17	Staff Rejoinder Testimony	June 17, 2003
18	Hearing Commences	June 24, 2003

19 Staff believes that the dates set forth above will provide sufficient time for the  
20 parties to conduct necessary discovery and will result in expeditious consideration of the  
21 issues raised in Qwest's filing.

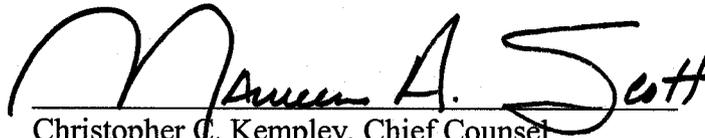
22 Staff anticipates that the Procedural Order will address other issues as the Hearing  
23 Officer deems appropriate. Specifically, Staff would anticipate the establishment of  
24 intervention deadlines, notice requirements and other routine deadlines and procedures.  
25 Staff takes no position on the specifics of these other matters at this time and commits

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1 them to the sound discretion of the Hearing Officer.

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3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of December, 2002.

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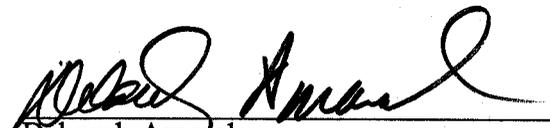
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