

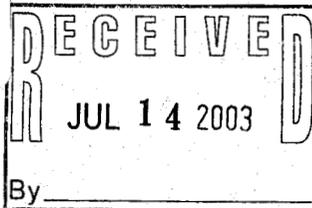


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1200 W. Washington
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Re: Qwest/Dex Proposed transaction Docket No. T-01051B-02-0666

Sirs,

Last month I wrote to you gentlemen concerning the sale of Qwest-Dex by Qwest Communications Inc.

Since that time I have heard from three of you. That made me feel good, that you do pay attention to what some of your constituents say. However, I still have some reservations about the Qwest-Dex sale.

The increase in the imputation fee may hold the line on rate increases for a time. Probably not for the entire 15 year period that it is proposed to remain in effect. The fee which was taken from Qwest -Dex profits, will no longer come from that source. It will, therefore, have to be made up from other revenues that the company acquires. These will be used to reduce the amounts that must be spent over the next fifteen year period for growth, modernization, maintenance, inflation and a myriad of other costs. These items will drive the rates up in the future years.

I know this because I spent 30 years in cost estimating, economic engineering and long range planning in which I did studies on issues of this type. I worked for Mtn. Bell for 35 years.

I also understand there is also some question about the period that Qwest took to implement rate increases that were approved by the ACC last year. Was there a deadline established for Qwest to meet? These rate increases take some amount of time to establish and put into effect. It is not an overnight job.

I realise that your job is to handle problems like this in a fair and uncompromising way. Qwest is selling Qwest-Dex to help pay off debts that were acquired by the previous company officers. It is being done to help prevent bankruptcy.

Cordially yours,

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