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Mr. Ernest Johnson
Director - Utilities Division
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
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Re: Decision No. 68821
Docket No. T-00000A-97-0238

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

In Decision No. 68821, the Commission directed Qwest to proceed with an independent audit of the Company's loop qualification systems as required by Decision No. 64836. Qwest was also directed to present the name of an independent auditor for Staff approval.

The independent auditor Qwest recommends to the Staff is Robert L. Stright, of the Liberty Consulting Group. A copy of Mr. Stright's resume is attached for your review. Qwest has discussed its recommendation with Covad. Covad agrees with Qwest's recommendation of Mr. Stright.

Qwest proposes that a meeting be held with Staff to discuss plans for engaging Liberty Consulting and proceeding with the audit.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Bozzo - Compliance Manager
Docket Control

Robert L. Stright

Areas of Specialization

Regulatory management; telecommunications cost and price analysis; affiliate relations and financial transactions; wholesale performance measures, nuclear power-plant management; management audits; operations-performance assessments; microcomputer applications; engineering and construction management evaluations.

Relevant Experience

Engagement director for Liberty's audit of BellSouth's performance assessment plan for Florida and of Verizon's wholesale performance measures and performance assurance plan for West Virginia. Project manager for Liberty's audits of Verizon wholesale performance measures and performance assurance plan on behalf of the Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia Commissions.

Project manager for Liberty's audit of Verizon-New Jersey wholesale performance measures and incentive plan on behalf of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Project manager and lead consultant for the provisioning and billing performance measures for the Regional Oversight Committee (*ROC*), 13 of the 14 states served by Qwest.

Lead Consultant for Liberty's assignment to provide advice to member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in the global telecommunications-settlement proceeding that was concerned with many issues associated with local competition.

Engagement Director for Liberty's investigation of the reliability of Commonwealth Edison's transmission and distribution systems for the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Project Manager for Liberty's assessment for the Virginia State Corporation Commission (VSCC) of permanent prices for Bell Atlantic-Virginia's unbundled-network elements. Operated and evaluated computerized-cost models. Performed sensitivity analyses and evaluated alternative inputs and assumptions to cost models and studies. Responsible for the coordination and production of Liberty's Staff reports. Testified before Commission regarding loop and co-location pricing, non-recurring charges, and common-cost factors such as overhead costs, maintenance and administrative factors, and capital costs. Provided continuing assistance to the Staff after the public hearings to resolve cost model input issues and respond to briefing arguments by the various parties.

Assisted the Staff of the VSCC in the arbitration proceeding for local-telephone competition involving GTE and new entrants Sprint, MCI, AT&T, and Cox Communications. Testified for the Staff before the Commission on pricing issues. Evaluated and ran computerized-cost models of network costs.

Project Manager for Liberty's assistance to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities related to implementation of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Assisted the arbitrator in the proceeding involving AT&T and Bell Atlantic. Prepared arbitration findings for use by the Staff for arbitrations involving TCG, MCI, AT&T, and Bell Atlantic.

Project Manager for Liberty's assessment of permanent pricing of Southwestern Bell Telephone's unbundled-network elements, performed for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Filed testimony on behalf of the Staff in two proceedings that reviewed the costs and prices for network elements and other services necessary for interconnection.

Lead Consultant providing technical support in Liberty's Telecommunications Act arbitration assignments in Mississippi and Idaho.

Lead Consultant for Liberty's review of the affiliate relations of Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania and Bell Atlantic - District of Columbia for their respective public-service commissions.

Managed the development of the transaction database for Liberty's audits of the affiliate interests of C&P Telephone of Maryland for the Maryland Public Service Commission (MPSC) and of New York Telephone Company (NYT) for the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC). Managed the analysis of affiliate transactions, finance, and real estate for the C&P audit. On the NYT affiliate-transactions audit, led efforts on several issues and affiliates, including the review of Materiel Enterprises Company, the largest of the NYNEX affiliates.

Project Manager for Liberty's work for Boston Edison and BEC Energy dealing with a regulatory proceeding initiated by an information-services competitor and the structuring of the newly-formed holding company.

Consultant for the review of affiliate transactions of Public Service Company of New Hampshire in a management audit conducted for the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. Responsible for review of charges from centralized nuclear-services companies of Northeast Utilities.

Led two of the five task areas in Liberty's review of affiliate transactions of Public Service Electric & Gas Company, for the New Jersey Board of Regulatory Commissioners.

Lead Consultant in Liberty's management audit of Arkansas Western Gas Company (AWG) for the Arkansas Public Service Commission, AWG, and the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas, responsible for the analysis of the company's allocation of costs to and from affiliated companies.

Lead Consultant in Liberty's audit of Baltimore Gas & Electric Company's management of the productive capacity of the Calvert Cliffs power plant for the MPSC. Results provided in testimony in a special proceeding before the MPSC.

Project Manager on Liberty's evaluation of an extended outage and utility-management performance at the South Texas Project nuclear plant (STP) on behalf of Houston Light & Power

Company and Baker & Botts. Presented the results of Liberty's evaluation in testimony before the Texas Public Utility Commission. Filed expert reports in a civil litigation among the owners of STP.

Consultant in the investigation of outages at the Crystal River 3 and Oyster Creek nuclear plants. Provided guidance and assistance to utility clients in preparing for and executing proceedings before the Florida Public Service Commission. Assisted in the preparation of testimony, and supported company witnesses and attorneys before and during hearings.

Testified before the state public utility commissions in New Jersey, Texas, Delaware, Maryland, Georgia, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, New Mexico, Washington, Utah, Nebraska, and New Hampshire.

Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia.

Education

M.B.A., Finance/Operations Research, University of Maryland
B.S., Science Engineering, Northwestern University