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RE: QWEST CORPORATION - FILING TO MOVE WIDE AREA CALLING TO THE ACCESS SERVICES PRICE CAP TARIFF AND TO RESTRICT THE SERVICE TO PAGING CARRIERS ONLY (DOCKET NO. T-01051B-03-0742)

On October 7, 2003, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed tariff revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Price Cap tariff and Access Services Price Cap Tariff.

Qwest filed revisions to these tariffs to make changes to its Wide Area Calling ("WAC") service. The filing proposes to move WAC from the Exchange and Network Services Price Cap Tariff to the Access Services Price Cap Tariff and to restrict the service to paging carriers only.

WAC is a wireless interconnection service which provides direct dialed LATA-wide toll free calling for land to mobile phones originated by Qwest's local service customers. It is similar to toll free calling through 8XX numbers for landline customers in that the calling party does not pay for the call. Currently the service is available to both Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") customers, as well as paging carriers who purchase Type 2 interconnection. The service is provided through a unique NXX code that must be dedicated to the use of WAC.

Once the FCC's mandate to implement wireless number portability ("LNP") goes into effect on November 24, 2003, Qwest will no longer have the ability to keep track of WAC numbers that are ported to a different carrier. Therefore, it will be necessary to restrict wireless carriers, except paging carriers with Type 2 interconnection, from ordering this service. WAC will continue to be available to paging carriers since LNP rules are not applicable to them.

At the time of its filing, Qwest states that there are three wireless carriers still using WAC in Arizona; Network Services LLC, Qwest Wireless and Valley Telecom. However, Network Service, LLC and Qwest Wireless will have stopped using the service on or before November 5, 2003. Valley Telecom and Qwest are in the process of negotiating a termination date for WAC in the March to June 2004 timeframe to accommodate Valley Telecom's needs.

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Staff recommends approval of this filing conditioned upon the availability of WAC service to Valley Telecom until the termination date negotiated by the parties.

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Ernest G. Johnson

Director

Utilities Division

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF QWEST CORPORATION TARIFF TO
MOVE WIDE AREA CALLING TO THE
ACCESS SERVICES PRICE CAP TARIFF
AND TO RESTRICT THE SERVICE TO
PAGING CARRIERS ONLY

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-03-0742
DECISION NO. _____
ORDER

Open Meeting
November 4 and 5, 2003
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") provides intrastate telecommunications service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.
2. On October 7, 2003, Qwest filed tariff revisions to its Exchange and Network Services Price Cap tariff and Access Services Price Cap Tariff. The tariff revisions are listed below:

Exchange and Network Services Price Cap Tariff

- Section 1, Page 18, Release 2
- Section 1, Page 25, Release 8
- Section 20, Index Page 1, Release 2
- Section 20, Page 21, Release 2[2]

Access Service Price Cap Tariff

- Section 1, Page 12, Release 2
- Section 1, Page 18, Release 2
- Section 16, Index Page 1, Release 1

1 Section 16, Page 1, Release 1
2 Section 16, Page 2, Release 1
3 Section 16, Page 3, Release 1

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Qwest is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. 40-281 and 40-282.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Qwest and the subject matter discussed in this matter.

3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained in the Commission's tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated October 17, 2003, concludes the tariff is reasonable, fair and equitable, and is therefore in the public interest.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of Qwest to move Wide Area Calling to the Access Service Price Cap Tariff and to restrict the service to paging carriers only be approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the tariff pages listed in Findings of Fact No. 2 are approved.

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