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Re: Qwest Corporation's Compliance with Section 271; Docket No. T-00000A-A-97-0238
Qwest Corporation's Compliance with Section 252 (e); Docket No. RT-00000F-02-0271
Arizona Corporation Commission vs. Qwest; Docket No. T-01051B-02-0871

Dear Colleagues:

I have previously communicated my willingness to continue with the Arizona Corporation Commission's review and action on the remaining checklist items of Qwest's Section 271 application for authority to re-enter the long distance market in Arizona. I am ready to address those matters on an expedited basis as soon as they are presented for Commissioner consideration.

As I understand the procedural posture of the above-referenced dockets, the record is still open and will remain open until the hearing on the settlement is concluded. I will, accordingly, refrain from reaching a decision on these matters at this time. I do appreciate the efforts of the parties to these proceedings, including those parties that signed off on the settlement and those parties who may still have issues to be discussed in our open and transparent proceedings.

I look forward to the process. I anticipate that the signatories to the proposed settlement will be prepared to explain and address the nuances of the proposed settlement. I expect that my colleagues and I, parties to these dockets, and other interested persons may soon be filing letters/pleadings to the docket in advance of the hearing with specific questions and issues that they wish to be addressed during the proceedings.

Sincerely,

William A. Mundell, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission