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IN THE MATTER OF THE QWEST
CORPORATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH
SECTION 252(e) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

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IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
COMPLIANCE WITH § 271 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-0238

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

QWEST CORPORATION,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-02-0871

**QWEST CORPORATION'S
MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR
FILING EXCEPTIONS TO
PROPOSED ORDER**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests an Order granting an additional nine (9) days in which Qwest may file exceptions to the recommended opinion and order filed on December 1, 2003 (the "Proposed Order") in the three above-referenced dockets. Exceptions to the Proposed Order are now due December 10, 2003, and Qwest requests that the deadline be extended to December 19, 2003.

Qwest received the Proposed Order late in the afternoon of December 1, 2003. The Proposed Order set the deadline for filing exceptions for 4:00 pm on December 10, 2003, allowing Qwest only nine calendar days to review the Proposed Order and file its

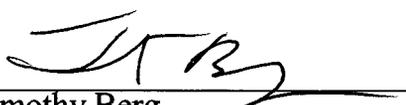
1 exceptions. The Commission, as a standard practice, usually permits at least 10 days for
2 the preparation and filing of exceptions and in complex cases, such as cost dockets and
3 rate cases, regularly allows 20 days for exceptions. This case is a complex case similar to
4 a cost docket or a rate case. Further, counsel and regulatory staff for Qwest had to
5 prepare for and attend an open meeting on December 2, 2003, addressing Qwest's
6 proposed PAL rates, and will need to attend an open meeting on December 4, 2003,
7 dealing with applications by QCC and QLDC to obtain certificates of convenience and
8 necessity.

9 The Proposed Order is lengthy and contains many findings of fact and conclusions
10 of law. It addresses not only the evidence presented in and issues raised in the hearing on
11 the Global Settlement but also addresses evidence and legal issues from each of the three
12 underlying dockets, two of which were also the subject of separate evidentiary hearings.
13 The requested extension is necessary to allow Qwest the opportunity to brief fully the
14 necessary exceptions to the Proposed Order, in part due to the magnitude of the issues
15 and records in the three dockets as well as the record in the proceeding on the Global
16 Settlement, each of which present significant issues. Due the size of the record, the
17 complexity of the legal issues involved, and other pending regulatory matters, counsel for
18 Qwest (and necessary Qwest regulatory staff) will be unable to devote the requisite
19 amount of time to preparation of the exceptions before the current due date of December
20 10, 2003.

21 In light of the amount of work necessary to prepare the exceptions to the lengthy
22 Proposed Order, and the fact that Qwest's regulatory staff and counsel have been
23 simultaneously involved in other matters before the Commission, Qwest requests this
24 extension. Qwest respectfully requests and Order be issued granting it an additional nine
25 days until December 19, 2003, to file its exceptions to the Proposed Order..
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