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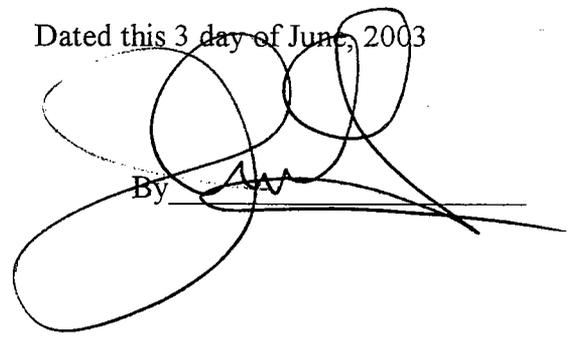
BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF QWEST)
CORPORATION FOR PRICE)
DEREGULATION OF BASIC LOCAL)
EXCHANGE SERVICES)
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CASE NO. QWE-T-02-25
MOTION TO ALLOW SURREBUTTAL
TESTIMONY OF GARY NEAL

COMES NOW the Intervenor Meierotto et al who hereby move and request that the Commission permit the filing of the above referenced testimony to specifically rebut testimony presented by Qwest witness Teitzel concerning the products of Ascendent Technology. This company's products were first discussed in this matter by Mr. Teitzel in his Rebuttal Testimony and Mr. Neal's surrebuttal is limited to 1 & 1/2 pages and deals entirely with the cost and availability of this product.

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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF

Gary Neal

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Intervenors Meierotto, et al

June 2, 2003

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q: Please state your name, address, and occupation.

A. My name is Gary Neal. I am a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law and I have been an attorney in Boise since 1994. I have previously provided prefiled testimony in this case.

Q: Do you wish to submit surrebuttal testimony in this case for the Commissions consideration?

A. Yes. I would like to respond to Mr. Teitzels testimony regarding Ascendent Technology. He seemed to imply in his testimony that they can adapt a phone system such as mine so that it can be run on a cell phone. The literature he attached seemed unclear on that issue.

Q: What did you do in response to this testimony?

A. I reviewed page 1 of Exhibit 25 and called the number at the bottom. A man answered and I asked to speak to Steve Apple. This is what I would normally do if I were going to investigate the suitability of a product.

Q: Was he there?

A. Yes. In fact, he was the one who answered the phone, which surprised me. I had expected to initially contact a receptionist or some kind of complicated automated phone system.

Q. What did you say to him?

A. Well, I told him I was the co-owner of a small law firm in Boise, Idaho and I was interested in using cell phone technology to operate my small office telephone system.

Q. What was his response?

A. He asked how large my law firm is. I told him and he said his techonology is very

1 expensive and was not “scalable” for a system with fewer than 50 users of the system. He also told
2 me that the advantage of his system is that when users use a cell phone from remote locations, their
3 use can be tied into the firms billing system electronically, and then the law firm doesn’t lose billable
4 time. He was busy and said he was interested in discussing law firm needs in general at some different
5 time, but the product probably wouldn’t work for me.

6 **Q. Why was he interested in further discussions then?**

7 A. Because he wants to sell the system to large law firms. You see I noticed on the
8 Ascendent Web Site that they have a special page devoted to law firm applications and I mentioned
9 that. It is attached hereto as Exhibit 209. He said he is presently discussing the sale of his technology
10 with several firms with around 100 or more users.

11 **Q. Did you ask him if any law firms are presently using his technology?**

12 A. I can’t remember if I asked him specifically, or if he brought it up. In any event, he
13 mentioned that at this time no law firm uses the technology sold by his firm.

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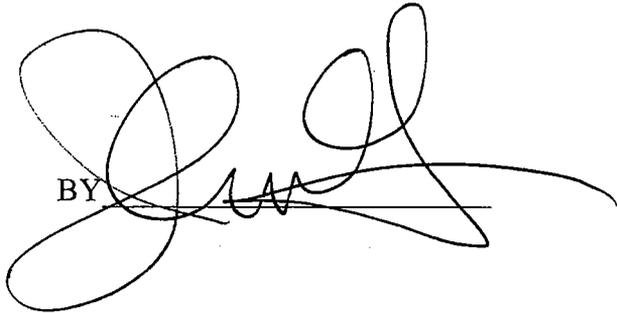
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