

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WELDON STUTZMAN

DATE: JUNE 3, 2004

**RE: CASE NO. QWE-T-04-11
PETITION FILED BY QWEST CORPORATION TO MODIFY RATE
CONSOLIDATION ORDER NO. 28943**

On May 26, 2004, Qwest Corporation filed a Petition asking the Commission to modify Order No. 28943 issued in Case No. USW-T-99-21. Order No. 28943 was a final Order approving consolidation of Qwest wire centers as a method of conserving NXX prefixes. In that case, U S WEST (now Qwest) recommended different groupings for rate centers, and Qwest's Group No. 6 included Idaho Falls, Rexburg, Rigby, Ririe, Roberts, and Shelley. Staff filed written comments recommending that Rigby and Roberts be removed from Group No. 6 and that the two exchanges be consolidated in their own group. In its Petition to Modify Order No. 28943, Qwest requests that Rigby and Roberts now be included in the Idaho Falls consolidated group.

In its Petition to Modify, Qwest states that Staff's recommendation to exclude Rigby and Roberts from Group No. 6 was based on a concern that consolidating rate centers could impact the Commission's ability to implement EAS in the future. Qwest asserts that since Order No. 28943 was entered, "there has been no EAS activity relating to Rigby and Roberts, nor does it appear that such activity is pending or expected." Qwest states in its Petition that customers in the Rigby and Roberts exchanges have requested certain advanced services from Qwest that it cannot provide with the existing switches. If the Rigby and Roberts exchanges are included in the Idaho Falls exchange, Qwest will be able to offer those advanced services to the Rigby and

Roberts customers by using the Idaho Falls switch, while preserving the customers existing telephone numbers.

Finally, Qwest asserts in its Petition that the Petition does not present an issue that requires industry review, does not present a contentious issue, and does not justify opening a docket prior to a decision. Accordingly, Qwest requests that the Commission determine without further proceeding to modify Order No. 28943 to include the Roberts and Rigby exchanges in the Idaho Falls rate center consolidated group.

Staff has reviewed Qwest's Petition and does not have an objection to modification of Order No. 28943 so that the Rigby and Roberts wire centers are included in the Idaho Falls consolidated group.

COMMISSION DECISION

Should the Commission approve the Petition of Qwest for Modification of Order No. 28943 to include Rigby and Roberts exchanges in the consolidated group that is comprised of the Rexburg, Ririe, Shelley, and Idaho Falls exchanges?



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