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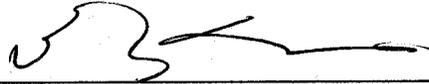
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
QWEST CORPORATION REQUESTING) CASE NO. QWE-T-08-04
AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW ITS)
STATEMENT OF GENERALLY) STAFF'S MOTION IN
AVAILABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS) RESPONSE TO QWEST'S
) MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO
) FILE RESPONSIVE COMMENTS

On August 4, 2008, Qwest Corporation filed a response to Staff's Motion to Extend the Comment Period, and also filed a Motion for Permission to File Responsive Comments in this case. In its Motion, Qwest contends that initial comments by Staff and intervenors raise intermingled questions of law and regulatory policy which have not been clearly delineated. Qwest asked the Commission grant it leave to file responsive comments on or before September 15, 2008.

Staff has no objection to Qwest's Motion for Permission to File Responsive Comments, but moves the Commission for permission for Staff and intervenors to file responsive briefs to Qwest's brief to be filed on September 15, 2008. In its initial comments, Staff did not address the legal issues Qwest now plans to address in responsive comments, nor were the issues fully addressed by the intervenors. Accordingly, Staff requests that the Commission allow Staff and intervenors to file a brief in response to Qwest's filing on September 15, 2008. Staff requests that the responsive filing by Staff and intervenors be due on or before October 17, 2008.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue a procedural order establishing a deadline for Qwest to file its brief on September 15, 2008, and for Staff and intervenors to file responsive briefs on or before October 17, 2008.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of August 2008.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THIS 12th DAY OF JULY 2008, SERVED THE FOREGOING **STAFF'S MOTION IN RESPONSE TO QWEST'S MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO FILE RESPONSIVE COMMENTS**, IN CASE NO. QWE-T-08-4, BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF, POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE FOLLOWING:

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