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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IDAHO TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION,
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANY OF IDAHO, CENTURYTEL OF
IDAHO, CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM
STATE, POTLATCH TELEPHONE
COMPANY and ILLUMINET, INC.,

Complainants-Respondents,

vs.

QWEST CORPORATION,

Respondent-Appellant.

Supreme Court No. 30107

**AFFIDAVIT OF CONLEY WARD IN
SUPPORT OF RESPONDENTS'
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE RESPONDENTS' BRIEF AND
MOTION TO EXPEDITE DECISION
THEREON**

CONLEY WARD, of Boise, Idaho. hereby declares as follows:

1. I am the attorney of record for the Idaho Telephone Association.
2. The Idaho Telephone Association and the other complainants in this

appeal (collectively, "Respondents") have agreed to file a single brief in response to Appellants
brief filed with the Court on March 24, 2004.

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3. Respondents' Brief is presently due on April 22, 2004.

4. No extensions of time have previously been granted or denied or denied in part on Respondents' Brief.

5. In order to coordinate the filing of a single brief, Respondents' counsel needs to collaborate and coordinate a common response in their Brief to the issues raised by Qwest. However, I have a longstanding commitment to represent another client in a proceeding before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. This proceeding is scheduled to begin on March 29, 2004 and last for two weeks. During that two week period, I will be totally involved in representation of my client in this other matter, and therefore will not be available to work with Respondents' other counsel in drafting the Respondents' Brief. Assuming the hearing goes for the full two weeks, I will not be available to work on Respondents' Brief until April 12, 2004 a mere ten days before Respondents' Brief is due.

6. The issues raised in this appeal are complex and technical. In order to respond to Appellant's arguments, I will need to devote a substantial amount of time to working with co-counsel for the various Respondents and preparing Respondents' Brief.

7. Due to the complexity of the issues involved in this appeal and the prior commitments of Appellant's counsel, Respondents did not oppose Appellant's motion for an extension of time.

8. Accordingly, an extension of 42 calendar days is necessary, and the Respondents' Brief would become due on June 4, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 3rd day of March, 2004, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **AFFIDAVIT OF CONLEY WARD IN SUPPORT OF RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENTS' BRIEF AND MOTION TO EXPEDITE DECISION THEREON** to be served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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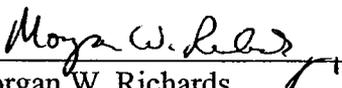
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