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Re: UM_____

Dear Ms. Bailey-Goggins:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and (5) copies of Qwest Corporation's Petition to Abandon, with Interim Grandfathering, Qwest's Centrex Plus and Centraflex II Services, along with a certificate of service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,



Carla M. Butler

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Docket UM ____

In the Matter of

QWEST CORPORATION

Petition to Abandon, with Interim Grandfathering, Qwest's Centrex Plus and CentraFlex II Services

**QWEST'S PETITION TO ABANDON,
WITH INTERIM GRANDFATHERING,
QWEST'S CENTREX PLUS AND
CENTRAFLEX II SERVICES**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby petitions the Commission for authority to grandfather Qwest's Centrex Plus and CentraFlex System 2 ("CentraFlex II") pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020. The reasons for this petition are a result of changing market conditions that require Qwest to continually evaluate our products and service offerings.

STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICES

OAR 860-032-0020 provides that a telecommunications utility that intends to discontinue or abandon a regulated intrastate telecommunications service, including to "grandfather" a regulated service with a sunset date, for which there are any current customers, must file a petition with the Commission at least 90 days before the telecommunications utility intends to abandon the service. OAR 860-032-0020(2), (7)(a), (15)(c).¹ Specifically, with respect to the grandfathering of a service with a sunset date, whether throughout its service territory or in limited geographic areas, the grandfathering shall be considered an abandonment of service subject to OAR 860-032-0020. OAR 860-032-0020(15)(c).

¹ The Commission's rules define "grandfather" to mean "to discontinue or cease offering a service to new customers and to continue offering the service to existing customers." OAR 860-032-0020(1)(d). Thus, because the definition of "abandon" means to "discontinue or cease providing" a service (OAR 860-032-0020(1)(a)), as does the definition of "grandfather" (OAR 860-032-0020(1)(d)), Qwest assumes that this "abandonment of service rule" (OAR 860-032-0020) applies equally to both a grandfathering situation with a specific sunset date and to a complete discontinuation of a service.

A telecommunications utility petitioning to abandon or grandfather a service must also provide certain notifications. OAR 860-032-0020(5), (6).

Further still, if the Commission does not deny the petition or set it for hearing within 90 days after receiving the petition, the petition shall be deemed approved. OAR 860-032-0020(7)(a). There is also a requirement to mail a notification to any affected customer and to any other telecommunications provider affected by the proposed abandonment at the same time that the telecommunications utility files the petition with the Commission. OAR 860-032-0020(7)(b). The telecommunications utility must also file with the Commission a copy of the notification at the same time it mails the notification and files the petition. OAR 860-032-0020(7)(c). Further still, the telecommunications utility must also demonstrate the abandonment will not deprive the public of “necessary telecommunications services.” OAR 860-032-0020(7)(d). Finally, the telecommunications utility must obtain Commission approval before transferring customers to another telecommunications provider. 860-032-0020(7)(e).

REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ABANDON THE SUBJECT SERVICES

The following sets forth the information regarding notifications required by OAR 860-032-0020(5) and (6) and the information required of an abandonment of a regulated service for which there are current customers required by OAR 860-032-0020(7):

OAR 860-032-0020(5)

(5) Notifications required by this rule shall include the following at a minimum:

(a) Name of the exiting provider: **Qwest Corporation**

(b) Address and telephone number where the public, customers, Commission staff, and affected telecommunications providers may contact the exiting provider for information regarding the abandonment: **Qwest Corporation, 421 SW Oak Street, Room 810, Portland, Oregon, 97204, 503-242-7454**

(c) Description of telecommunications services to be abandoned: **(1) Centrex Plus is software-based business communications service furnished from a Stored Program**

Controlled Central Office. Centrex Plus includes a group of station lines and access to a predetermined group of system features.² (2) CentraFlex II provides custom-calling features to business lines for Basic Measured - hunting or key, Premium flat - and Premium Flat Key customers. It allows a multiline customer to integrate exchange lines into a single system.

(d) Identification of geographic areas where the services will be abandoned: **Qwest's entire incumbent service territory throughout the State of Oregon**

(e) Date the service(s) will be abandoned: **December 31, 2007 (CentraFlex II) and December 31, 2008 (Centrex Plus)**

(f) If applicable, a statement whether customers of the services(s) to be abandoned will be converted to different service(s) offered by the exiting provider, and if so, what customers must do to be converted to the different service(s): **Not applicable because customers will not be converted to a different service offered by Qwest unless the customer has not made a choice of an alternative service. In such a case, Qwest may convert the service to Qwest's premier Centrex service, Centrex Prime, or to a business basic exchange service or package if the customer is not utilizing the PBX-like capabilities of the current service. However, customers also retain the option to convert their service to that of another provider.**

(g) If applicable, a statement that all customers will be automatically transferred to a specified receiving provider unless they disconnect or obtain service from another provider. The exiting provider must identify the receiving provider to which customers will be transferred: **Not applicable because customers will not be automatically transferred to a specified receiving provider. See above.**

(h) If the exiting provider intends to transfer customers to a specified receiving competitive provider and the receiving competitive provider will not accept all customers, a statement that customers may or will lose their service unless they obtain services from a provider of their choice. The exiting provider must provide reasonable means for each customer to determine whether he or she will be accepted by the receiving competitive provider: **Not applicable because customers will not be automatically transferred to a specified receiving provider. Qwest is able to provide an appropriate telecommunications service. See above.**

(i) If applicable, a statement that service will be abandoned and that customers must obtain the service(s) to be abandoned from another provider: **The services at issue will be abandoned and customers must obtain the services to be abandoned from another provider or from Qwest, such as the option to convert their service to Qwest's premier Centrex service, Qwest Centrex Prime service.**

(j) An explanation of how customers may receive a refund of payments or deposits for service they will not receive because of the abandonment: There will be no conversion or termination charges to migrate from the subject services to Centrex Prime (although

² Centrex Plus was previously grandfathered, without a sunset date, in September 2004. The abandonment proposed in this petition would have a sunset date of December 31, 2008.

installation charges may apply for line changes or additions): **Qwest will refund to any affected customer any payments or deposits for service they do not receive because of the abandonment. However, Qwest does not anticipate there will be any such payments because Qwest intends to migrate all affected customers to another service or provider in advance of the sunset dates and will not charge for any unused service or for any termination or conversion charges.**

(k) An electronic document containing the notice in a format suitable for posting on the Commission website. The Commission will post such notification within two business days of receipt from the exiting carrier: **See attached notices, Exhibits A and B (Qwest's customer notice letters for Centrex Plus and CentraFlex II), which Qwest also provides to the Commission on a disk for the notices' electronic posting on the Commission's website.**

OAR 860-032-0020(6)

(6) In addition to other notifications required by this rule, the following notifications are also required at the same time the exiting provider files notice with the Commission. Notifications here required shall include the information required by section (5) of this rule plus the information specified in subsections (6)(a) or (6)(b) of this rule.

(a) An exiting provider that intends to abandon any service which allows access to the emergency 9-1-1 reporting system shall:

(A) Mail notification to Oregon Emergency Management, which notification shall include the number of customers affected by the proposed abandonment of service: **Not applicable since there will be no impact on E-911 because Qwest intends to migrate all affected customers to another service or to another provider in advance of the sunset dates. Further, Qwest is not exiting the telecommunications market in the state of Oregon, but merely abandoning these particular services by December 31, 2007 or December 31, 2008, and all customers will be able to migrate to another service or to another provider. There will be an orderly transition of at least one or two years prior to the proposed abandonment.**

(B) Provide access to its customer records in the Enhanced 9-1-1 database(s), so that other telecommunications providers can update those customer records: **Not applicable. See above.**

(C) Send a letter to the appropriate Enhanced 9-1-1 database provider(s), with copies to the incumbent local exchange carrier(s), the Commission and Oregon Emergency Management, authorizing the Enhanced 9-1-1 database provider(s) to allow access by other telecommunications providers to any remaining Enhanced 9-1-1 database records belonging to the exiting provider, after the exiting provider has abandoned the service: **Not applicable. See above.**

(b) An exiting provider that intends to abandon service so that it will no longer use a central office code or a thousands block of numbers (i.e., an NXX or an NXX-X) shall

notify the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and the national administrator of the Local Exchange Routing Guide: **Not applicable. See above.**

OAR 860-032-0020(7)

(7) A telecommunications utility that intends to abandon any regulated service, whether throughout its service territory or in limited geographic areas, for which there are current customers, shall:

(a) Petition the Commission for authority to abandon the service. The petition shall be filed at least 90 days before the telecommunications utility intends to abandon the service. If the Commission does not deny the petition or set it for hearing within 90 days after receiving the petition, it shall be deemed approved: **This constitutes Qwest's petition, and it has been filed at least 90 days before Qwest to abandon subject the services on December 31, 2007 (CentraFlex II) and Centrex Plus (December 31, 2008).**

(b) Mail a notification to each affected customer and to each telecommunication provider affected by the proposed abandonment at the same time it files the petition with the Commission. The notification shall include the information required by section (5) of this rule. In addition, the notification shall include a statement that upon request from affected customers or providers the Commission may, but is not required to, deny the petition or set it for hearing: **See attached notifications, Exhibits A and B.**

(c) File with the Commission a copy of the notification at the same time it mails the notification and files the petition. In addition, the telecommunications utility shall inform the Commission of the number of customers and the number of other providers affected by the proposed abandonment: **See attached notification, Exhibits A and B. The numbers of Qwest customers affected by this abandonment petition is 2 (for CentraFlex II) and 87 (for Centrex Plus) as of December 15, 2006. There are no other providers affected by the proposed abandonment.**

(d) Demonstrate that the abandonment will not deprive the public of necessary telecommunications services. The telecommunications utility shall reinstate service at the Commission's request to prevent the public from being deprived of necessary services: **Qwest currently offers a service similar to Centrex Plus and CentraFlex II known as Centrex Prime Service. Qwest Centrex Prime delivers the functionality and reliability that customers expect from Qwest. In addition, Centrex Prime Service provides additional features not included in the current Centrex Plus and CentraFlex Service. Customers also have the option to choose a provider other than Qwest for their telecommunications services, as Centrex-type services are provided by a number of other providers.**

(e) Obtain Commission approval before transferring customers to other telecommunications providers. If the telecommunications utility seeks such approval, it shall include in the petition to abandon service a request for approval to automatically transfer customers: **Not applicable because Qwest is not transferring customers to other telecommunications providers.**

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, Qwest respectfully submits the Commission should grant Qwest's petition to abandon, with interim grandfathering, Qwest's Centrex Plus and CentraFlex II pursuant to OAR 860-032-0020.

DATED: December 20, 2006



By: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing **QWEST'S PETITION TO ABANDON, WITH INTERIM GRANDFATHERING, CENTREX PLUS AND CENTRAFLEX II SERVICES** by placing a copy of same in a sealed, first-class postage-prepaid envelope deposited with the United States Postal Service at Portland, Oregon and addressed to:

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Respectfully submitted,



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December 20, 2006

**QWEST CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF CENTREX PLUS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

[CUST NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY STATE ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

Our goal at Qwest is to provide you with quality products at great values while remaining competitive in our markets. Changing conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, products and service offerings.

That's why we have filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission to discontinue the offering of Centrex Plus as an available product in Oregon. We notified you in September 2004 that the service had been withdrawn as an option for new customers, which limited the continued use of the service to existing customers. With this application, the service will no longer be available even to existing customers.

If the application is approved, then effective December 31, 2008 the service will no longer be available. In order to assure continuity of service, you must convert your current Centrex Plus service to another Qwest service or select another telecommunications service provider by December 31, 2008.

- If you have a month-to-month pricing arrangement or a contract that expires prior to December 31, 2008, you may continue to utilize Centrex Plus until this date.
- Customers with contracts that expire after December 31, 2008, must migrate to another service by December 31, 2008.
- Qwest will not accept customer service order requests for Centrex Plus after December 31, 2008.

You may want to consider converting your service to Qwest's premier Centrex service, Centrex PRIME®, which delivers all the functionality and reliability that you've come to expect, plus provides the following additional features:

- Calling Name/Number ID as a standard feature
- Blocked and Non-Blocked Local Access Options
- ISDN Basic Rate and Electronic Business Service for Electronic Key applications (optional service)
- Easy Integration of Qwest Long Distance & Business Voice Messaging Services

There are no Centrex Plus termination charges for converting to Centrex PRIME or another Qwest service; however installation charges for new services may apply. If you do not convert to another service by the effective discontinuance date of December 31, 2008, Qwest reserves the right to convert your Centrex Plus service to an appropriate alternative Qwest service based on your current utilization at month-to-month rates for the new service.

If you have questions about this change or want more information about your service, please call your assigned account representative or 1 800-777-9594.

We understand that you have a choice of telecommunications providers, and we appreciate that you've chosen Qwest.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Copeland
Vice President, Marketing



December 20, 2006

**QWEST CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF
CENTRAFLEX SYSTEM 2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

[CUST NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY STATE ZIP]

Dear [NAME]:

Our goal at Qwest is to provide you with quality products at great values while remaining competitive in our markets. Changing conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, products and service offerings.

That's why we have filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission to discontinue the offering of CentraFlex® System 2 as an available product in Oregon effective December 31, 2007. This means the service will no longer be available even to existing customers.

If the application is approved, then effective December 31, 2007 the service will no longer be available. In order to assure continuity of service, you must convert your current CentraFlex System 2 service to another Qwest service.

- If you have a month-to-month pricing arrangement or a contract that expires prior to December 31, 2007, you may continue to utilize CentraFlex System 2 until this date.
- Customers with contracts that expire after December 31, 2007, must migrate to another service by December 31, 2007.
- Qwest will not accept customer service order requests for CentraFlex System 2 after December 31, 2007.

You may want to consider converting your service to Qwest's premier Centrex service, Centrex PRIME®, which delivers all the functionality and reliability that you've come to expect, plus provides the following additional features:

- Calling Name/Number ID as a standard feature
- Blocked and Non-Blocked Local Access Options
- ISDN Basic Rate and Electronic Business Service for Electronic Key applications (optional service)
- Easy Integration of Qwest Long Distance & Business Voice Messaging Services

There are no CentraFlex System 2 termination charges for converting to Centrex PRIME or another Qwest service; however installation charges for new services may apply. If you do not convert to another service prior to the effective discontinuance date of December 31, 2007, Qwest reserves the right to convert your CentraFlex System 2 service to an appropriate alternative Qwest service based on your current utilization at month-to-month rates for the new service.

If you have questions about this change or want more information about your service, please call your assigned account representative or 1 800-777-9594.

We understand that you have a choice of telecommunications providers, and we appreciate that you've chosen Qwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Copeland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Copeland
Vice President, Marketing