

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UM 1354**

In the Matter of)	
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QWEST CORPORATION)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
)	
Petition for Approval of Price Plan)	
Pursuant to ORS 759.255)	

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.**

Pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Prehearing Conference Report, issued December 17, 2007, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA") respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of its petition, McLeodUSA states as follows:

I.

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II.

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III.

McLeodUSA has an interest in the subject matter of this proceeding. McLeodUSA is a competitive telecommunications service provider authorized to provide local exchange service in the State of Oregon. McLeodUSA offers intrastate telecommunications services within Oregon, including local exchange service and intrastate long distance service. McLeodUSA purchases unbundled network elements (UNEs) from Qwest Corporation (Qwest), pursuant to the parties' interconnection agreement, in order to provide those services. In those wire centers where Qwest is no longer required to provide access to transport and or loop as UNEs (e.g., where Qwest has satisfied the "non-impairment" test), McLeodUSA purchases alternative services from Qwest, including Qwest's private line services, in order to provide services to its customers.

McLeodUSA's dependence on Qwest private line services to provide telecommunications services to its customers will likely increase over time as additional Qwest wire centers are added to the "non-impaired list".

On October 26, 2007, Qwest filed a petition in this docket requesting that the Commission approve a price plan that would, among other things, deregulate Qwest's provision of private line services. If granted, Qwest's petition could impact the rates that Qwest offers its wholesale customers, such as McLeodUSA, in wire centers on the non-impaired list. Changes in

the rates McLeodUSA is charged for wholesale services that it purchases from Qwest could impact McLeodUSA's ability to offer the products and services it offers in Oregon.

McLeodUSA therefore submits this Petition to Intervene because it is materially interested in, and will be substantially affected by, the Commission's resolution of the issues presented in this proceeding.

IV.

McLeodUSA expects to participate in the docket to contribute to the investigation its factual history and perspective as a wholesale customer/competitor of Qwest. McLeodUSA will address such issues as it deems relevant in this proceeding.

IV.

McLeodUSA has knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission and the parties in addressing the issues presented in this proceeding.

V.

McLeodUSA's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.

CONCLUSION

McLeodUSA's Petition to Intervene should be granted.

DATED this 28 day of December, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this day served a true and correct copy of PETITION TO INTERVENE upon all parties of record, electronically to all parties and by U.S. Mail to all parties who have not waived paper service.

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