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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UT 142

In the Matter of the Revised Data Distribution)	
Center Agreement between the Oregon Exchange)	ORDER
Carrier Association and Qwest Corporation.)	
)	

DISPOSITION: REVISED AGREEMENT APPROVED

On July 27, 2001, the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA) filed a revised Data Distribution Center (DDC) agreement with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). A description of the filings and their procedural history is contained in the Staff Report attached as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

Based on a review of the revised agreement, the Commission finds that it satisfies applicable statutes and administrative rules. At its public meeting on September 11, 2001, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve the revised agreement.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the revised Data Distribution Center agreement, between the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association and Qwest Corporation, as further described in Appendix A, is approved.

Made, entered and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Vikie Bailey-Goggins
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.

ITEM NO. CA6

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 11, 2001**

REGULAR	CONSENT	X	EFFECTIVE DATE	NA
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DATE:	September 4, 2001			
TO:	Phil Nyegaard			
FROM:	Tom Turner through Dave Booth			
SUBJECT:	Oregon Exchange Carrier Association—Revised Data Distribution Center Agreement (Docket UT 142)			

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the revised Data Distribution Center (DDC) agreement between the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA) and Qwest Corporation.

DISCUSSION:

On March 12, 1999, the Commission adopted a stipulation in Docket UT 142, Order 99-198, which designated the OECA to administer the DDC pursuant to the terms of an agreement to be filed with the Commission for approval. The function of the DDC is to receive and process originating intraLATA toll/access records, identify the toll carrier, and distribute the records to the transiting and terminating local exchange carriers (LECs) so that they can accurately bill access charges. The stipulation provides that OECA will select an operator of the DDC and execute an agreement among the participants.

On December 21, 1999,¹ the OECA filed the original proposed DDC agreement. The original agreement designated U S West Information Technologies (USW-T) as the operator of the DDC. The agreement was for two years with an additional one-year renewal provision. The agreement provides that the charges for operation of the DDC by USW-T will not exceed \$.0005 per record. The charges are billed by USW-T to the primary toll carriers (PTCs).² The Commission at its March 17, 2000, Public Meeting, approved the agreement.

¹ A modification to that agreement was subsequently filed on February 29, 2000.

² The PTCs are Qwest, Verizon, and Sprint/United.

On July 27, 2001, the OECA filed a revised DDC Agreement. Upon staff review of the agreement, corrections were filed on September 4, 2001. The current revised agreement is nearly identical to the original agreement. As a result of the Qwest merger, Qwest Corporation (Qwest-T) has been substituted for USW-T to operate the DDC. In addition, a new report and a new processing procedure have been added to the agreement to address '800-type' intraLATA toll calls. The charge to operate the DDC remains the same at \$.0005 per record.³

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of the DDC agreement between the OECA and Qwest Corporation.

³ After a year of "parallel" testing of the DDC, it is now fully operational.