ORDER NO. 03-363

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UT 138/UT 139 PHASE III

In the Matter of Ascertaining the Unbundled Network) Elements that must be Provided by Incumbent Local) Exchange Carriers to Requesting Telecommunications) ORDER Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 51.319.)

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO EXTEND DEADLINE FOR MAKING REFUNDS GRANTED

On March 21, 2003, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) entered Order No. 03-171, requiring Qwest Corporation (Qwest) to refund certain nonrecurring charges collected from competitive telecommunications carriers. The refunds were scheduled to be made on June 13, 2003.

On May 2, 2003, Qwest moved to extend the date to file refunds to July 15, 2003. Qwest's motion was granted by Order No. 03-286, entered May 8, 2003.

On June 5, 2003, Qwest filed a motion for a 16-day extension of time—or until July 31, 2003--to complete refunds. Qwest has just received approval of the revised rates filed with the Commission on June 4, 2003. It emphasizes that the refund calculation and disbursement process is extremely labor intensive and will take additional time to complete. Qwest affirms that it will continue to pay interest at the 8.77% annual rate ordered by the Commission pending disbursement of the refunds.

A telephone conference was held on June 12, 2003 to discuss Qwest's request. None of the participating in the conference opposed the motion.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Qwest shall make the refunds required by Order No. 03-171, no later than July 31, 2003.

Made, entered, and effective ______.

Thomas G. Barkin Chief Administrative Law Judge