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July 10, 2007

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center Attention: Kay Marinos 550 Capitol St. NE #215 Salem Oregon 97308-2148

RE: UM 1310 Qwest Corporation Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC)

Recertification Reports for 2007

Dear Ms. Marinos:

Attached are the Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Recertification Reports for Qwest Corporation (QC) as required by Order 06-292. The attached report format was supplied by Commission Staff.

Please do not hesitate in calling me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Rou L Trullinger

Attachments

### **DOCKET NO. UM 1310**

### Required Cover Sheet for Submission of 2007 Annual ETC Recertification Reports

Filing Deadline: Monday, July 16, 2007

| Name of Eligible Telecommunications Carrier | : Qwest Corporation   |
|---|---|
| Filing date: <u>July 10, 2007</u>           |   |
| Is this: Original submission? Yes OR        |   |
| Revised submission?                         | If revised, please identify which reports are being revised |
| Person to contact for questions:            | C   |
| Name Ron L. Trullinger                      |   |
| Phone number <u>503-242-5089</u>            |   |
| E-mail address ron.trullinger@qwest.com     |   |

**Filing instructions**: Please file reports under Docket No. UM 1310. File reports electronically via the PUC Filing Center; see the PUC website for instructions. <u>Also</u> send one original and 2 hard copies to the PUC Filing Center. If selected portions of reports, e.g., network improvement plans, are to receive confidential treatment, those portions should not be filed electronically. Hard copies of confidential material should be filed in accordance with confidential designation requirements described in OAR 860-011-0080. Regular delivery methods may be used to send all hard copy documents; overnight or express delivery is not necessary. Send documents to the Filing Center using one of the two following addresses, depending on the delivery carrier used:

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Salem, OR 97308-2148

For other carriers: Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Attn: Filing Center 550 Capitol St. NE #215 Salem, OR 97308-2148

If you have any questions on these reports, please call Kay Marinos at 503-378-6730, or Celeste Hari at 503-378-6628.

### 2007 Annual Recertification Reports for ETCs in Oregon

Docket No. UM 1310

Report Formats to Satisfy Requirements of Order No. 06-292 for 2007

| Report #1 | Supported Services Offerings  1.1. Basic Local Usage Service Offerings – All ETCs 1.2. Comparable Local Usage Plan – CETCs only 1.3. Supported Services Not Provided – CETCs only 1.4. Equal Access Acknowledgement – CETCs only                               |
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| Report #2 | Unfulfilled Service Requests  2.1. Unfulfilled Service Requests/Held Orders – All ETCs  2.2. Service Request Processing – CETCs only   |
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### Report #1 – Supported Services Offerings

### 1.1. Basic Local Usage Service Offerings – All ETCs

| Choose | <u>either</u> A | A. <u>or</u> | В. | below, | as | app | lical | bl | le: |
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| Choos           | se <u>either A. or</u> B. below, as applicable:  |
|-----------------|--|
| A. <u>X</u>     | Basic local usage service offerings are filed under tariff with the Oregon PUC. The specific tariff references (with <i>company name, tariff number, section and page numbers</i> ) for the basic local usage offerings and corresponding rates are:  1. residence: Qwest Corporation, P.U.C. Oregon No. 33, Exchange and Network Services, Sections 5.2.1 – 5.2.4.  2. business: Qwest Corporation, P.U.C. Oregon No. 33, Exchange and Network Services, Section 5.2.1 – 5.2.4. |
| В               | Basic local usage service offerings are <b>not</b> filed under tariff with the Oregon PUC. Submit the following information for each basic service offering that includes local usage allowances (unlimited or limited): 1) plan's name, 2) advertised public description, 3) number of local minutes included, 4) calling area included, and 5) rates and charges. Include basic offerings for both residence and business services.  |
| 1.2. C          | Comparable Local Usage Plan – CETCs only   |
|                 | arrier certifies that it offers at least one basic local usage plan that is comparable to offered by the ILECs in its designated service area: yes no  |
|                 | Ty which of the plans in 1.1.B above are "comparable" to the ILEC local usage ags, and explain the basis for the comparability.  |
|                 |  |
| 1.3. S          | upported Services Not Provided – CETCs only  |
| provid<br>incom | Ey any supported services that were not available at designation, but were to be ed as a condition of ETC designation (e.g., toll restriction for qualifying lower consumers, E911):   |
|                 | ese services provided currently? yes no explain why not:   |
| 1.4. E          | Equal Access Acknowledgement – CETCs only  |
|                 | arrier acknowledges that it may be required to provide equal access if it is the only ning ETC in an area: yes no  |

### Report #2 – Unfulfilled Service Requests

### 2.1. Unfulfilled Service Requests/Held Orders – All ETCs

### Choose either A. or B. below, as applicable:

| A. <u>X</u> | -               | ity reports for "primary held orders over 30 days" were filed with the for calendar year 2006. No additional submission is required for n purposes.  |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| В           | -               | ty reports for "primary held orders over 30 days" were <b>not</b> filed with PUC for calendar year 2006. In this case, choose <b>one</b> of the following for reporting:   |
|             | fu<br>If<br>the | ne number of customer requests for supported services that were not liftled during calendar year 2006: greater than zero, include an attachment noting for each such request, e location (address) of the request and a description of attempts to ovide service.                |
|             | Se<br>ye<br>If  | ne number of "primary held orders over 30 days" (as defined in action 860-034-0390 of the Oregon Commission rules) for calendar ar 2006:  greater than zero, include attachment noting for each such held order, are reason the order was held and the original commitment date. |

### 2.2. Service Request Processing - CETCs only

Submit a description of how the carrier ensures that every request for service that cannot be immediately fulfilled is recorded and processed under the 6-step process set forth in 47 CFR Section 54.202(a)(1)(i).

### Report #3 – Evidence of Advertising for Basic Supported Services (excluding low-income/lifeline) – All ETCs

Describe how basic supported services were advertised during calendar year 2006 throughout the designated service area. List the types of media used, advertising frequencies and geographic coverage. Attach examples of actual advertisements, noting dates, specific distribution methods, and target geographical populations, sufficient to demonstrate that basic supported services and rates were advertised **throughout** the designated service area in 2006.

- 1) During 2006 on the qwest.com web site a page is dedicated to show potential customers the basic residential telephone rates. This can be viewed at qwest.com. See Attachment 1.
- 2) During 2006 Qwest business office employees were instructed in scripting to be used with calls from our potential customers. This scripting has been attached as a confidential attachment. See Attachment 2.
- Qwest did many different statewide ads showing customers how to reach us for basic services as well as packages and other non-basic services. The attachment is an example of one of these ads. See Attachment 3.
- 4) The local telephone directories and DexOnline.com statewide show customers how to reach Qwest to order basic services.

### Report #4 – Low-income Services – All ETCs

### **4.1.** Number of Lifeline Customers – All ETCs

The total number of customers receiving Lifeline discounts during the month of December 2006 in the designated service area: 32,736.

| <u>CETCs only</u> - also list counts by ILEC service area as follows: |                           |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| ILEC Svc Area   | No. of Lifeline customers |  |  |  |  |
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### 4.2. Advertising of Low-Income Program Service Offerings – All ETCs

Submit copies of all advertisements (for all media) for Lifeline, LinkUp, and OTAP service offerings that were run during calendar year 2006, noting media (newspaper name, radio station, bill inserts, internet postings, etc.), run/distribution dates, and geographic coverage area.

- 1) In April, 2006, a bill insert describing the Lifeline and Link Up Telephone Assistance Plans was included in all residential customer bills. See Attachment 4.
- 2) Sixty-second radio ads which described the availability of Telephone Assistance Plans were aired for two weeks in March, May and August in the Portland area. See Attachment 5.
- 3) Interior bus signs were used to advertise the availability of Telephone Assistance Plans in the Portland area in March, May, August, and November 2006. See Attachment 6.
- 4) Information on Telephone Assistance Programs is included in a Qwest "Disability Solutions" brochure, which is generally available at Qwest kiosks located at various malls. See Attachment 7.
- 5) Monthly ads for Tribal Lifeline were run in Native Voice and Indian Country throughout 2006. See Attachment 8.
- 6) Throughout 2006, Network technicians left a Tribal Lifeline application on each repair or installation visit they make on tribal land. See Attachment 9.
- 7) Information on Lifeline and link Up is available to the general public at www.qwest.com/TAP. See Attachment 10.
- 8) Information on Telephone Assistance Plans is found in the "Consumer Tips" section of the DEX phone books.

### <u>Report #5 – Outage Report</u> – All ETCs

### Choose <u>either</u> A. <u>or</u> B. below, as applicable:

| A. <u>X</u> | Carrier was required to report service outages (as defined in Oregon PUC Rules at Sections 860-034-0390(9) for small telecom utilities, 860-023-0055 for large telecom utilities, and 860-032-0012(9) for competitive telecom providers) to the Oregon PUC during year 2006. No additional submission required for recertification purposes. |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| В           | Rules at<br>for large<br>provider  | was <i>not</i> required to report service outages (as defined in Oregon PUC Sections 860-034-0390(9) for small telecom utilities, 860-023-0055(9) te telecom utilities, and 860-032-0012(9) for competitive telecom rs) to the Oregon PUC during year 2006. Select #1 (wireline carriers) vireless carriers) below.                              |  |  |  |
|             | 1  | The number of service outages, as defined in Oregon PUC rules, that occurred during calendar year 2006 was   |  |  |  |
|             |  | If the number was greater than zero, attach a report that lists for each such outage the following: the date and time of onset, a brief description of the outage and its resolution, the particular services affected, the geographic areas affected, steps taken to prevent a similar future occurrence, and the number of customers affected. |  |  |  |
|             | 2  | The number of service outages, as defined in FCC rules at 47 CFR Section 54.209(a)(2), that occurred during calendar year 2006 was   |  |  |  |
|             |  | If the number was greater than zero, attach a report that lists for each such outage the following: the date and time of onset, a brief description of the outage and its resolution, the particular services affected, the geographic areas affected, steps taken to prevent a similar future occurrence, and the number of customers affected. |  |  |  |

### Report #6 - Trouble Report - All ETCs

### Choose <u>either</u> A. <u>or</u> B. below, as appropriate:

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| B<br>In this ca | Trouble reports were <b>not</b> filed vase, choose <b>one</b> of the following | <u> </u>            | ng calendar year 2006. |
|                 | 1 The number of custom handsets for supported services switch.                 | -                   | 1                      |
|                 | <u>Trouble Type</u><br>No service  | Switch A (location) | Switch B (location)    |
|                 | Network busy   |                     |                        |
|                 | Interruption of service  |                     |                        |
|                 | Poor reception   |                     |                        |
|                 | 2 The number of custor Section 860-034-0390 (5) of the year 2006: per 100 wor  | <u> </u>            |                        |

### Report #7 – Network Improvement Plan – CETCs Only

The following detailed information must be included in each network improvement plan. Only CETCs must file these plans for recertification purposes. CETCs that receive *only* low-income program support (no high-cost or access-related support), do not have to file network improvement plans. CETCs are strongly encouraged to use the format laid out in the attached Excel worksheets to provide information required in the outline below (taken from the UM 1217 order), rather than use some other format developed by the CETC.

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- 7.1. Demonstration of use of support funds (other than low-income funds) received during 2006, including:
  - 7.3.1.1. The amount of support funds, by type, received during the year.
  - 7.3.1.2. Year-end counts of eligible lines/handsets in service for each ILEC service area as they were reported to USAC for the past December.
  - 7.3.1.2. Identification of each project for which the support was used, the actual support expenditures (by amount and type) for each project, and status of project (completed or still in progress).
  - 7.3.1.3. The resulting benefits to consumers (qualitative and quantitative) from each project and updates to coverage and signal strength maps.
  - 7.3.1.4. Explanation of how and why actual spending of support funds differed from spending proposed in the previous network improvement plan.
  - 7.3.2. Updates to network improvement plan for the current calendar year and the following year:
    - 7.3.2.1. Forecast of support amount, by type (LSS, HCL, ICLS, IAS), that the applicant expects to receive during each of the next 2 years, as well as an explanation of how the forecast was derived.
    - 7.3.2.2. Detailed information for each project that will use support funds:
      - 7.3.2.2.1. Description and purpose of the project, its physical location and the ILEC serving that area.
      - 7.3.2.2.2. The start date and completion data (by quarter).
      - 7.3.2.2.3. Amount of support money allocated to the project, in total and broken down by investment and expense types.
      - 7.3.2.2.4. The amount of company's own funds that will be used for each supported project.
      - 7.3.2.2.5. Brief explanation of why the carrier would not make these improvements without the availability of support funding.
      - 7.3.2.2.6. Quantification of resulting service improvements by type (increased coverage, signal strength, capacity, etc.), population benefited, and geographic area benefited (shown on map).

### <u>Report #8 – Special Commitments/Requirements</u> – CETCs only

| Did the Oregon PUC impose any special commitments or requirements at initial |   |
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| designation or during the previous annual recertification process? yes no    | • |

If yes, identify the commitments or requirements and explain if, and how, they have been met.

### **Report #9 – Certifications - All ETCs**

### 9.1. IAS or ICLS Certification Copy – All ETCs Receiving IAS and/or ICLS

All ETCs receiving interstate access-related support (IAS or ICLS) must submit a copy of the certification for the use of IAS or ICLS support that was sent to USAC and the FCC in June 2007.

### <u>9.2. Certification of Use of Universal Service Funds</u> – All ETCs receiving HCL and/or LSS (Rural ILECs and CETCs Designated in Rural ILEC Areas)

To continue receiving traditional high cost support (HCL, LSS), ETCs must submit a notarized affidavit signed by a responsible company official certifying that the carrier will use the high cost support funds only for the intended purposes. Use of the sample affidavit form displayed on the following page is recommended.

### 9.3. Certification of Emergency Functionality and Compliance with Service Quality and Consumer Protection Measures – All ETCs

Each ETC must submit a notarized affidavit signed by a responsible company official certifying that the carrier: 1) is able to remain functional in an emergency, and 2) is complying with all service quality and consumer protection measures in either the applicable Oregon Commission rules (for wireline carriers), the CTIA Consumer Code (for wireless carriers), or some other specific set of standards. All ETCs must submit this affidavit. A copy of an acceptable affidavit form follows the affidavit for high cost support.

### <u>Interstate Access Support (IAS)</u> 2007 - 2008

| Date                     | 6/20/2007  |   |                 |
|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| To:                      | Marlene H. Dortch  |   |                 |
|                          | Office of Secretary  |   |                 |
|                          | Federal Communications Commission  |   |                 |
|                          | 445 - 12th Street, SW  |   |                 |
|                          | Washington, DC 20554   |   |                 |
|                          | Karen Majcher  |   |                 |
|                          | Vice President - High Cost and Low Income Divis  | ion   |                 |
|                          | Universal Service Administrative Company   |   |                 |
|                          | 2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200   |   |                 |
|                          | Washington, DC 20036   |   |                 |
| Re:                      | CC Docket No. 96-45  |   |                 |
|                          | Interstate Access Support - IAS  |   |                 |
|                          | Annual Certification Filing  |   |                 |
| This is to co            | ertify that  |   |                 |
| will use its             | INTERSTATE ACCESS SUPPORT - IAS only for the   | ne provision, maintenance                     |                 |
| and upgrad               | ling of facilities and services for which the support is   | intended.                                     |                 |
|                          | rized to make this certification on behalf of the comp<br>(s) listed below. (Please enter your Company Nan |   | 9               |
|                          |  | IAS   |                 |
|                          | Company Name   | State   | Study Area Code |
|                          | Qwest Corporation  | Arizona                                       | 455101          |
|                          | Qwest Corporation  | Colorado                                      | 465102          |
|                          | Qwest Corporation  | Montana                                       | 485104          |
|                          | Qwest Corporation  | New Mexico                                    | 495105          |
|                          | (If necessary, attach a separate list  | of additional study areas and check this box. | ) 🗶             |
| Signed,  X [Signature of | of Authorized Representative]  | Date: 6/20/2007                               | -               |
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| Vice Presid              | lent-Assistant Controller  |   |                 |
|                          | thorized Representative  |   |                 |
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Carrier's Name: Qwest Corporation

Carrier's Telephone Number: 303-382-8158

Carrier's Address: 1801 California St.--Room 650 Denver, CO 80202

### Interstate Access Support (IAS) 2007 - 2008

### IAS

| Company Name      | State        | Study Area Code |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Qwest Corporation | Utah         | 505107          |
| Qwest Corporation | Wyoming      | 515108          |
| Qwest Corporation | lowa         | 355141          |
| Qwest Corporation | Nebraska     | 375143          |
| Qwest Corporation | North Dakota | 385144          |
| Qwest Corporation | South Dakota | 395145          |
| Qwest Corporation | Oregon       | 535163          |
| Qwest Corporation | Washington   | 525161          |

### AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING EMERGENCY FUNCTIONALITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES

| I,Randy Hagedorn, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath, state that I am the VP Network Ops and Eng. [an officer] of                  |
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| state that I am the _VP Network Ops and Eng [an officer] ofQwest Corporation ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this              |
| Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.    |
| The Company hereby certifies to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, pursuant to the requirements of Commission Order No. 06-292, that it: |
| 1) is able to remain functional in emergencies, and,   |
| <ol> <li>complies with service quality and consumer protection measures in<br/>(check one):</li> </ol>   |
| _X applicable Oregon Commission rules, or  |
| the CTIA Consumer Code for Wireless Carriers, or   |
| other (describe and explain conformance with requirements of Order No. 06-292):  |
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| ·  |
| DATED this _25 day of _June, 2007.   |
| Qwest_Corporation (Company)  |
| By: Lay May (Name)   |
| Its: _VP Network Ops and Eng (Title)   |
| SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25 day of \(\sqrt{unc}\), 2007.   |
| Jame Kay Ken   |
| Notary public in and for the State of Oregon  OFFICIAL SEAL  JANICE KAY KERR   |
| My Commission Expires: 9/17/07 NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGONI COMMISSION NO. 371462 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 17, 2007                            |

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|---------------|------------------|
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| Setup Charge  | \$ 16.50         |

### ORDER BASIC SERVICE >

\* Monthly rates displayed are typical rates for unlimited local calling, but this rate may vary depending on where you live within your state. Additional charges include extended area service charges, monthly zone increment charges, zone connection charges, as well as taxes, regulatory charges, surcharges, and other fees. Qwest also offers basic local service on a measured or message basis (per call or per message charges) which may offer a lower monthly, base rate.

### **Need More Phone Jacks?**

Jack Installation Charge: \$99 (1st jack) and \$60 (each additional jack)

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Attachment 1



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\*Pioneer Place Concourse level near Food Court 503-224-6877 SALEM Salem Center Mall Near Nordstrom 503-363-9780

SPRINGFIELD Gateway Mall Near Center Court 541-988-3814 TIGARD
Washington Square
Near The Cheesecake Factory
503-598-0106

\*Hablamos Español







### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Telephone Assistance Available For Those That Qualify**

Telephone service is vital for connecting people with family, friends, businesses and emergency services. That's why Qwest® offers assistance programs that make telephone service more affordable for eligible customers.

**Lifeline** provides eligible customers with a **monthly credit** to help offset the cost of their home telephone line. (Telephone service must be billed to the individual applying for assistance.)

**Link-Up** provides eligible customers with a **one-time credit** to help offset the installation charge for a home telephone line. Customers who qualify for Lifeline assistance automatically receive the Link-Up credit if their application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days of their home phone installation date and if they have not previously received a Link-Up credit at the same address.

### Who is Eligible?

Customers are generally eligible for these telephone assistance programs if they already participate in low-income programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, Public Housing Assistance, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance, or the National School Lunch Program. In some states, individuals will also qualify if their household income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines.

To learn more about the eligibility requirements in your state and how to apply for telephone assistance, visit www.qwest.com/TAP or call Owest at 1 800-244-1111.



### **Federal Universal Service Fund Increases**

The Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) rate for residential and single-line business customers is increasing from 10.2% to 10.9%, effective April 1, 2006. The USF surcharge is used to keep local telephone service affordable for all customers. Qwest will apply the new rate against all Qwest local line, high-speed Internet, private-line interstate, long-distance interstate and international charges. The rate for Centrex and multi-line business customers varies by state as follows:

|              | Centrex<br>(per individual station) |          | Multi-line<br>(per individual line or trunk) |          |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| State        | Previous<br>Rate                    | New Rate | Previous<br>Rate                             | New Rate |
| Arizona      | 1.1740%                             | 1.2487%  | 10.5664%                                     | 11.2383% |
| Colorado     | 1.1589%                             | 1.2334%  | 10.4303%                                     | 11.1010% |
| Idaho        | 1.2607%                             | 1.3347%  | 11.3463%                                     | 12.0124% |
| lowa         | 1.1596%                             | 1.2354%  | 10.4368%                                     | 11.1190% |
| Minnesota    | 1.5180%                             | 1.6005%  | 13.6621%                                     | 14.4044% |
| Montana      | 1.1501%                             | 1.2272%  | 10.3511%                                     | 11.0451% |
| Nebraska     | 1.3032%                             | 1.3773%  | 11.7286%                                     | 12.3954% |
| New Mexico   | 1.1683%                             | 1.2473%  | 10.5147%                                     | 11.2253% |
| North Dakota | 1.2494%                             | 1.3135%  | 11.2448%                                     | 11.8211% |
| Oregon       | 1.1999%                             | 1.2796%  | 10.7988%                                     | 11.5161% |
| South Dakota | 1.6487%                             | 1.7836%  | 14.8384%                                     | 16.0522% |
| Utah         | 1.3114%                             | 1.3725%  | 11.8030%                                     | 12.3529% |
| Washington   | 1.2965%                             | 1.3806%  | 11.6685%                                     | 12.4253% |
| Wyoming      | 1.1759%                             | 1.2556%  | 10.5827%                                     | 11.3008% |

### **McClainFinlon**

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Start Date: December 2005 Revision No: 1

Client: Qwest Revision Date: 11/30/05

Job No:/Description: QLMOS-0462 Page No: 1

Initials/ Date: CW DeAnna CD/ACD PRFRD AE : Julie

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Hi, I'm (woman) from Qwest. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may qualify for assistance with your home telephone bill. Qualifying low-income households can receive a discount on the installation of a home telephone line and their monthly phone bills. Everyone needs a little help now and then, and at Qwest we're pleased to offer assistance to those in need. Because home phone service is more than a convenience – it can be a lifeline in the event of an emergency . Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 to see if you qualify for low-income assistance with your telephone bill.. That's 1 888-353-4816.

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Is home phone service a convenience that's just out of reach? The truth is, your family shouldn't ever be without it – because local phone service is more than just a convenience, it can be a lifeline, connecting you to emergency services and responders. I'm (woman) from Qwest, and we're pleased to offer low-income telephone assistance programs for those who qualify. If you currently receive government assistance from programs like Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, or Medicaid, you may also qualify for assistance with home phone installation and your monthly phone bills. Qwest cares. Call 1 888-353-4816 today to see if you qualify for a telephone assistance program from Qwest. That's 1 888-353-4816.

## PHONE SERVICE SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE.

You may qualify for federal telephone assistance funding available to low-income households.

Call Qwest® at 1888-353-4816 for details.



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### A Bill You Can Use

We provide your bill in a variety of formats to meet vour specific needs:

- Braille
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- E-mail (compatible with screen readers)

Contact the Owest Center for Customers with Disabilities to arrange to receive your bill in your preferred format.

### **Telephone Equipment**

Qwest offers a 2.4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Multi-Handset Phone System. Includes handset speakerphone. Additional 2.4GHz Voice Announce Cordless Handsets are available for use with base system at an additional charge.

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- TTY Directory Listing for **Qwest Customers** No additional charge
- Wireless Handsets and Accessories
- Makes wireless work for you

- New Number Referral Works with your TTY to inform callers of your new number
- Bill Format Options A format to fit your needs,

including Braille

business lines

- Directory Assistance Exemption For residential and individual
- And More!
- Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)
- Telephone Equipment
- \*A Teletypewriter (TTY) or telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) allows a person to plug a regular telephone into a small keyboard that has a visual terminal. When one TTY user calls another, they can communicate by typing what they want to say to one another. Users can choose to print out the message or read it on a screen.

### **Telephone Assistance Programs**

**Qwest supports the following Telephone Assistance Programs** designed to reduce the cost of telephone service for qualifying low-income customers who currently receive government assistance from programs such as Food Stamps and Medicaid.

**Lifeline Service** reduces the monthly cost of your residential phone line. The amount of the credit will vary depending on your state.

Tribal Lifeline Service reduces the cost of a residential phone line to as little as \$1 per month (plus applicable taxes and surcharges) for qualifying customers who live on Tribal Lands. For both of these programs, the telephone service must be provided at your primary residence, and the name on the phone bill must match the name of the person who is eligible for the program.

**Link Up Assistance** reduces the cost of installing your main phone line by 50% and provides a deferred payment schedule for additional installation charges. Link Up benefits are only available on one phone line per household, and Link Up credits cannot be applied towards the cost of jacks and wiring.

To learn more about Telephone Assistance Programs and eligibility in your state, contact the Center for Customers with Disabilities or visit www.lifelinesupport.org.

### **Qwest Disabilities Solutions**

This brochure is available in alternate formats (Braille, large font, e-mail and audiotape). Please contact Qwest to request your preferred format.

> Contact a disabilities consultant at the Qwest Center for **Customers with Disabilities today.**

### **Let's Talk Connection**

1 800-223-3131 (Voice/TTY)

8:00a.m.-5:30p.m. Mountain Time, Monday-Friday gwest.com Visit any Qwest store

### Convenience. Communication. Connection.

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SOLUTIONS ARE BUILT
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FRIENDS, FAMILY,
BUSINESS ASSOCIATES
AND THE REST OF
YOUR WORLD.



### Qwest delivers to deaf and hard-of-hearing customers.

### The Convenience of One Voice Mailbox

Now hearing, deaf and hard-of-hearing members of a household can retrieve all their messages from one Voice mailbox. Hearing members will experience the same great Qwest Voice Mail Service they've enjoyed in the past. Teletypewriter (TTY) users can retrieve their voice messages from any touch-tone TTY. For detailed instructions, visit www.qwest.com/residential/disabled/voicemessage\_tty.html or call the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities.

### **Reduced Long-Distance Charges With Teletypewriter Use**

As a Qwest customer who relies on a Teletypewriter (TTY), you may qualify for a reduced charge on your long-distance communications. To get more information or to learn if you qualify, contact a disabilities consultant at the Qwest Center for Customers with Disabilities.

### **Directory Listing at No Additional Charge**

Let callers know how to contact you. List your Teletypewriter (TTY), Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or Telecommunications Relay Service information at no additional charge. Choose one of these phrases for your directory listing:

- TTY only
- TDD only
- TTY and Voice
- TDD and Voice
- TTY Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service
- TDD Only-Voice callers use Telecommunications Relay Service

Voice callers using Telecommunications Relay Service: Please call the Center for Customers with Disabilities to choose your phrase and add it to your directory listing.

### **Hearing Aid Compatible Wireless Phones**

Qwest offers you wireless handsets that meet the new FCC Hearing Aid Compatibility requirements for radio frequency interference.

We also offer the T-Loop Coil accessory for Qwest Wireless® service customers with hearing aids or cochlear implants. For more information, ask Qwest Retail personnel.

### **Let Callers Know Your New Number**

New number referral intercept is an optional Teletypewriter (TTY)-compatible service that ensures other TTY users calling your old, disconnected number will receive your new number message in Baudot tones.

### Additional non-Qwest service for deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired customers

### **Telecommunications Relay Service**

Qwest® connects you with the public Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), which means you can communicate with everyone. Telecommunications Relay Service is a free communications service that connects individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or have speech disabilities with others using standard telephone equipment or telephone equipment designed for individuals with disabilities. To use the Relay service, dial the toll-free numbers listed in your directory, or simply dial **7-1-1.** A specially trained Communications Assistant (CA) will answer your call and relay the telephone conversation between you and the party you are calling. All call information and conversations are confidential. Either party can call the Telecommunications Relay Service provider to set up the call. Relay Service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are no restrictions on the number or length of calls you can make. Long-distance calls placed for you can be billed collect, charged to a pre-paid calling card or charged through third-party billing.

### Making a call is simple:

- Dial 711 or the TRS toll-free number listed in your telephone directory
- You'll be connected with a communications assistant (they're trained to help your conversation flow easily and accurately)
- Give the communications assistant the number you would like to call
- The agent will stay on the line
- All calls are confidential

TRS providers offer Captioned Telephone and Hearing-Carry-Over (HCO), for people with hearing loss to receive word-for-word captions of the conversation while listening to the voice of the other party; Spanish Relay, for Spanish speaking hearing- or speech-disabled individuals; Speech-to-Speech (STS), for individuals with speech difficulties to converse with the help of a specially trained CA; Text Telephone (TTY) relay; Computer (ASCII) relay; and Voice-Carry-Over (VCO), for people who have difficulty hearing on the phone to voice their conversations directly to the hearing person and receive the other party's conversation as text.

Video Relay Service provides American Sign Language users with the ability to communicate via video conferencing using their native language. For more information, visit the Sprint VRS Web site: www.sprintvrs.com.



### Phone service

For as low as

\$1 a month.

If you live on a reservation, you may qualify for a special program that will give you basic, in-home telephone service for as low as \$1 a month plus applicable taxes and surcharges.

Apply today for Tribal Lifeline.



For more information, call

1877-207-4508

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Attachment 8

# **Tribal Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up Application**

| Name:                            |   |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Last                             |   | First   | Middle   |
| Address:                         |   |   |  |
| Street                           | Oity  | State   | ZIP  |
| Home telephone number:           |   |   |  |
| (The name of t                   | the person applying for Telep                 | (The name of the person applying for Telephone Assistance must appear on the telephone account) | on the telephone account)  |
| Telephone number where you can l | where you can be reached or receive messages: | ve messages:  |  |
|                                  |   | Are   | Area code + 7-digit number   |
| I currently reside on:           |   |   |  |
|                                  | Name of Tribal La                             | Name of Tribal Land, Reservation or Pueblo  |  |
| Please complete Section 1. If vo | ou do not particio;                           | ate in any of the low   | Section 1. If you do not participate in any of the low-income programs below. please |

Do not complete both sections.

Please check the boxes for any low-income programs you participate in.

1 800-244-1111 to

telephone qualify for assistance based on the size and income level of your household who occupy your housing unit as their usual place of residence).

which applies to your household and attach the supporting documentation described on the Please check the box below

| Please<br>check<br>box | Size of Household | Size of Household   Household Income | Please<br>check<br>box | Size of Household Household Inc            | Household Indicate (at or below |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                        | 1                 | \$13,230                             |                        | 9  | \$36,180                        |
|                        | 2                 | \$17,820                             |                        | 2  | \$40,770                        |
|                        | ဇ                 | \$22,410                             |                        | œ  | \$45,360                        |
|                        | 4                 | \$27,000                             |                        | No.  | <del>9</del>                    |
|                        | 5                 | \$31,590                             |                        | * For each additional person, add \$4,590. | rson, add \$4,590.              |

lagree to notify Qwest when I no longer

read the information on this application and understand I must d/or **Tribal Link-Up** on my primary residential line. and that I am not receiving Lifeline credits of any kind on

|           | Nebraska 68103-                               |
|-----------|---|
| Date      | est, P.O. Box 2738, Omaha,                    |
|           | on to: Qwest, P.O.                            |
| Signature | il completed form and supporting documentatio |



Qwest® offers a special program that can help you keep connected with loved ones, friends and help in an emergency.

If you **live** on a

reservation,

you could qualify

for telephone

service

as low as

a month!



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### Now, if you qualify, telephone service can be much more affordable.

Ink with friends, children,
parents and grandparents;
it can even be a life-saving link
in an emergency. If you live on
a reservation, you may qualify
for telephone service
for as little as \$1 a month.

And if you don't currently have
telephone service, you may
qualify for a reduced new
service connection charge, too.

### **Tribal Lifeline**

Low-cost connections for low-income persons living on reservations.

Tribal Lifeline provides eligible customers who live on a reservation basic in-home local telephone service for as little as \$1 a month, plus applicable taxes and surcharges.

Optional calling features such as Call Waiting, Caller ID, Voice Mail and others are available at the full retail rate.

### **Tribal Link-Up**

Reduced new telephone service connection charges.

If you don't have telephone service currently, the Tribal Link-Up program will pay one-half of the cost to install your main phone line, up to \$30. Also, you will receive an additional \$70 credit to help offset remaining installation-related service charges.

- If your tribal lifeline application is received within 60 days following installation of your phone service
- If you have not received a Tribal
   Link-Up credit at this same address

### Who is eligible?

Applicants qualify for Tribal Lifeline if they live on a reservation and participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- BIA/General Assistance Program
- Tribally Administrated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Head Start (meeting income test)
- National School Lunch Program
- Other qualifying low-income programs in your state (call Qwest® at 1 800-244-1111 to inquire about these programs)

Applicants may also qualify for Tribal Lifeline if they live on a reservation and their household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (see application form for details).

- Last year's federal, state or tribal income tax return
- Current income statement or paycheck stubs for three consecutive months
- Social Security statements of benefits
- Veteran's Administration statement of benefits
- Retirement or pension statement of benefits
- Unemployment or Worker's Compensation statement of benefits

- Letter of participation in federal or BIA general assistance
- Divorce decree
- Child support documentation
- \* Bank statements are not accepted.

### Other Telephone Assistance Plans:

If you are not currently living on a reservation, you may be eligible for a similar Telephone Assistance Program:

- If you participate in a low-income public assistance program
- If your household size and income level is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guideline

Call Qwest at 1 800-244-111 for more information.

### How Do I Apply?

To apply for Tribal Lifeline and/or Tribal Link-Up, simply fill out the attached application form and mail it to:

### Qwest P.O. Box 2738 Omaha, Nebraska 68103-2738

If you do not currently have phone service with Qwest, please call Customer Service at **1 800-244-1111** to place an order for service BEFORE sending in your completed application. Not available in all areas, long distance not included.





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### **Telephone Assistance Plans**

Lower your telephone service and installation costs. Qwest® offers Telephone Assistance Plans for qualifying low-income customers:

### Lifeline Service

Get a reduced rate on your monthly home phone bill. It's easy when you follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to <a href="www.lifelinesupport.org">www.lifelinesupport.org</a> to learn who is eligible and how to apply in your state.
- 2. Follow the application instructions provided there, under **How do I apply?**
- 3. If your state requires a paper application, you can download a copy by selecting your state below.

### **Applications**

Complete the appropriate state application to apply for Lifeline support.

- Arizona English
- Arizona Spanish
- ▶ Iowa
- **▶** Minnesota
- Montana
- New Mexico

- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Utah English
- Utah Spanish
- Wyoming

### **Plan Details**

- The amount of the Lifeline credit varies by state.
- Telephone service must be for your primary residence.
- The name on the phone bill must match the name of the person who is eligible for the plan.

### Tribal Lifeline Service

Pay as little as \$1 a month, plus taxes and surcharges, for your home phone line. If you live on a reservation or pueblo, you may qualify. Go to <u>Tribal Lifeline</u> to learn who is eligible and to print an application form.

### **Plan Details**

- Telephone service must be for your primary residence on a reservation or pueblo.
- The name on the phone bill must match the name of the person who is eligible for the plan.

### Link Up Assistance

Save 50 percent on installation charges for your main phone line—and get a deferred payment schedule for any additional installation charges.

You automatically qualify for these savings if:

1. You are eligible for Lifeline or Tribal Lifeline support.

AND

2. Your application for telephone assistance is received within 60 days of your phone service installation (one Link Up credit per address).

### **Plan Details**

- Benefits are available for one phone line per household.
- Telephone service must be for your primary residence.
- Credits cannot be applied to the cost of jacks or wiring.
- Security deposits may still be required.
- To avoid a service deposit payment at the time of installation, choose toll blocking.
- If you live on a reservation, you may receive an additional \$70 to cover excess construction charges.

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