ISSUED: January 23, 2024

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

QWEST CORPORATION, fka U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Application for Increase in Revenues.

RULING

DISPOSITION: EXPEDITED SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED

On January 16, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued a ruling on parties' evidentiary supplementation requests. The ruling addressed the supplementation request by Northwest Public Communications Council (NPCC) for Qwest's billing record for specific services during the relevant time period. This request was not denied. Rather, the ruling noted that the information sought by NPCC was unnecessary to answer questions in the first phase of these proceedings, and more appropriately suited to a potential second phase.

On January 22, 2024, NPCC filed a motion for reconsideration on the ALJ ruling. NPCC states that the information requested is necessary to accomplish the initial phase of these proceedings. NPCC explains its reasoning the Court of Appeals order requires a determination by the PUC on NST-compliant rates for 1996-2003, for which NPCC believes the requested information is required.

OAR 860-001-0720(4) allows 15 days for a response to an application for reconsideration. OAR 860-001-0000(2) allows for modification or waiver of rules for good cause shown. To facilitate an expeditious schedule in this case, I am shortening the time period for response to the motion to seven days. Replies are not permitted.

Reponses to NPCC's motion for reconsideration are due by 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 2024.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.

Christopher Allwein Administrative Law Judge

Ch. of Mh.

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¹ ALJ Ruling at 7-8 (Jan. 16, 2024).