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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 973

In the Matter of the Statement of Generally)	
Available Terms and Conditions for)	
Interconnection, Unbundled Network)	
Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale)	ORDER
of Telecommunications Services Provided)	
by U S WEST Communications, Inc., in)	
the State of Oregon.)	

DISPOSITION: TENTH AMENDMENT TO STATEMENT PERMITTED TO GO INTO EFFECT.

On April 24, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., now known as Qwest Corporation (Qwest), filed a statement of generally available terms (SGAT) under Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). After a notice and comment period, we allowed the filing to go into effect and ordered that its substance be reviewed in proceedings in docket UM 823.¹

Qwest subsequently filed numerous amendments to its SGAT. To date, we have reviewed nine amendments and, on each occasion, allowed the SGAT, as amended, to go into effect.²

On February 21, 2003, Qwest filed its tenth amendment to its SGAT. Qwest asks the Commission to allow this amended SGAT, which contains only limited revisions, to go into effect on April 1, 2003.

DISCUSSION

The discussion of the nature of the SGAT and the SGAT process contained in our prior orders is adopted herein and will not be repeated. This tenth amendment to the SGAT is not unexpected. As we first noted in Order No. 00-327, "[t]he SGAT will likely undergo considerable revision * * * and, once in effect, changes to the SGAT document may become cumbersome. It is conceivable that each amendment to the original document might trigger a new 60-day review period and an additional item on our Public Meeting agenda."

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¹ Order No. 00-327.

² See Orders No. 01-122, 01-721, 01-878, 01-1050, 02-145, 02-315, 02-731, 03-074, and 03-150.

As with the original SGAT submission and the first through ninth amendments, we neither endorse nor approve of the substance of this new amendment, while, at the same time, we allow the amendment to take effect. These circumstances are not changed by our actions in the Final Recommendation Report of the Commission in docket UM 823. After the Federal Communications Commission has completed action on Qwest's Section 271 application for Oregon, we will schedule further proceedings in this and other dockets to consider the SGAT's entire substance for compliance with our rules and policies and the furtherance of competition and the public interest in Oregon. Since competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) are able to negotiate interconnection agreements regardless of the availability of an SGAT, they will not be prejudiced by our action.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that pursuant to OAR 860-016-0040(2), the amendment to the Statement of Generally Available Terms filed by Qwest Corporation on February 21, 2003, in accordance with Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, is permitted to go into effect as of April 1, 2003.

Made, entered, and effective _	
Roy Hemmingway Chairman	Lee Beyer Commissioner
	Joan H. Smith Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.