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OF OREGON

UM 973

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

SIXTEENTH REVISION TO STATEMENT DISPOSITION: 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, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) allowed the filing to go into effect and ordered that its substance be reviewed in proceedings in docket UM 823.¹

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

On July 1, 2004, Qwest filed its Sixteenth Revision to its SGAT and a Notice thereto (Notice).³ The substantive revisions to the SGAT relate to Exhibit B, which is the Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs), and to Exhibit K, which is the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP). Owest also requests a determination regarding the tier designation and measurement stabilization period related to the revised PID, PO-20 (Expanded) Manual Service Order Entry.

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, 03-150, 03-189, 3-410, 03-572, 03-665, 03-753, 04-208, and 04-380.

³ The numbering of these filings has been the source of some confusion, due in part to a filing by Qwest that amended the SGAT, but was not deemed to be a "revision." In its June 30, 2004, cover letter, Qwest refers to the filing as the "Sixteenth Revision." The Notice Caption uses "Sixteenth Amendment." The opening sentence of the body of the Notice uses "Sixteenth Revision." The Certificate of Service uses "Sixteenth Amendment (Fifteenth Revision)." In an effort to avoid future confusion, we will refer to the change in this Order as the "Sixteenth Revision." All future submissions by Qwest that modify the SGAT shall be referred to as "Revisions" without reference to the number of "Amendments" and shall be numbered consecutively from "Seventeenth" onward.

According to Qwest, Exhibit B contains changes to PO-2, Electronic Flow-Through, and PO-20 (Expanded) Manual Service Order Accuracy. Qwest and the competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) agreed that Exhibit B be updated to reflect that UNE-P POTS and UNE-P Centrex 21 will be reported in PO-2 on a combined basis.

The new PO-20 will be implemented in four phases, and Qwest will begin reporting results for this enhanced PO-20 with the May, 2004, results on the July, 2004, report. Phase 1 will review and measure all service orders within the defined scope of PO-20. Qwest will move from manual review to automated review of specific fields, and will begin reviewing the accuracy of 205 possible feature codes (Universal Service Order Codes (USOC)) in the service and equipment section of the service order. Phase 2 adds four additional fields and the evaluation of the accuracy of 29 floated fields after specified USOCs. Phase 3 adds the BLOCK field to PO-20 review. Phase 4 finishes the expansion of the automated portion of PO-20 by adding four more fields to the review and completing the second stage of implementation for the BLOCK field.

Finally, in Exhibit K, the QPAP, GA-1 has been changed to reflect the retirement of two interface components, Fetch-N-Stuff (GA-1B) and Data Arbiter (GA-1C). These two interface components have been replaced with one interface component, SIA (GA-1D), which facilitates access for the IMA-GUI interface and the IMA-EDI interface, and which reports the percentage of scheduling time the SIA system is available. Therefore, GA-1D replaces both GA-1B and GA-1C.

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 seventeenth 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."

As with the original SGAT submission and the first through sixteenth 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 our approval of the tenth amended SGAT, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved Qwest's Section 271 application for Oregon. However, on August 21, 2003, the FCC released the text of its order in docket No. CC 01-338 (the Triennial Review or TRO). On March 2, 2004, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit reversed and remanded a significant portion of the FCC's TRO order. The FCC has indicated that both interim and final rules designed to comply with the Court's order will be forthcoming. We will schedule further proceedings in this docket 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 once the legal uncertainties surrounding these issues and the applicable FCC rules have been

resolved. 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 sixteenth revision to the Statement of Generally Available Terms filed by Qwest Corporation on July 1, 2004, in accordance with Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, is permitted to go into effect as of August 29, 2004. Existing interconnection agreements are not affected by this Order.

Made, entered, and effective	
Lee Beyer Chairman	John Savage Commissioner
	Ray Baum 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.