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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Petition by QWEST )  
CORPORATION to Exempt from Regulation ) SUSPENSION ORDER  
FRS, ATM/CRS, and LSS. )

DISPOSITION: RATES SUSPENDED

On May 15, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition to exempt from regulation Frame Relay Services (FRS), Asynchronous Transfer Mode/Call Relay Service (ATM/CRS), and Local Area Network Switching Service (LSS). At the July 10, 2000, Commission public meeting, the Commission voted to suspend Qwest's rates and investigate the petition. Rates under the tariff Qwest filed with its application were suspended pending investigation. A suspension order was entered on August 30, 2000. A second suspension order was entered on December 20, 2000.

On March 12, 2001, Qwest filed a request for a further extension period. Qwest asks for a suspension of an additional three months. Accordingly, the effective date for any new rates would be June 15, 2001.

Qwest asserts that good cause exists for such an extension. Qwest is in the process of analyzing the data sent in response to Qwest's questionnaires. This information is an important part of the investigation, and Qwest requires more time to analyze the information fully. The investigation process will not be complete by March 15, the date the second suspension ends. Therefore, good cause exists for a further extension. Neither Staff nor the intervenor, Sprint, opposes such an extension.

The Commission finds that the investigation into this matter will not be completed at the expiration of the second suspension. The Commission grants Qwest's request for a further suspension of three months of its petition to exempt from regulation FRS, ATM/CRS, and LSS services.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Qwest's petition to exempt from regulation FRS, ATM/CRS, and LSS services is suspended until June 15, 2001.

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Ron Eachus**  
Chairman

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**Roger Hamilton**  
Commissioner

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**Joan H. Smith**  
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. The request must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order and 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.