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Subject: Interim Process- DS1 Capable Loop and CRUNEC

On August 15, 2003, Qwest held a conference call with the CLECs to review activities associated with the CRUNEC process as it pertains to Unbundled Local Loop-DS1 Capable Loop, notified in PROS.04.30.03.F.01071.CRUNEC, PROD.07.11.03.F.03468.UNECRUNEC_V5.0, PROD.08.06.03.F.03494.DelayedResponseCRUNEC, and PROD.08.08.03.F.03496.DelayedResponseCRUNECUpdate.

This notification provides an attachment which describes the interim process Qwest will follow until the CLECs and Qwest develop a long term process as discussed in the August 15 conference call.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact Jamal Boudhaouia at 303-707-8561 or Evelyn Montez at 303-707-6998. Electronic correspondence can be sent to Jamal.Boudhaouia@qwest.com or Evelyn.Montez@qwest.com.

Sincerely,

Qwest

Note: In cases of conflict between the changes implemented through this notification and any CLEC interconnection agreement (whether based on the Qwest SGAT or not), the rates, terms and conditions of such interconnection agreement shall prevail as between Qwest and the CLEC party.

The Qwest Wholesale Web Site provides a comprehensive catalog of detailed information on Qwest products and services including specific descriptions on doing business with Qwest. All information provided on the site describes current activities and process. Prior to any modifications to existing activities or processes described on the web site, wholesale customers will receive written notification announcing the upcoming change.

**QWEST INTERIM PROCESS
UNBUNDLED LOCAL LOOP-DS1 CAPABLE LOOP AND CRUNEC
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 20, 2003**

- Definition of an unbundled DS1-capable loop –
 - Available loop facility in the existing Qwest inventory meeting the industry parameters for transmitting DS1 signals, and
 - A facility that does not require re-engineering to make it capable of transmitting DS1 signals.

- Clarification of Work Steps -
 - **Incremental Facility Work** occurs when there is a DS1-capable facility available
 - That DS1 facility could carry DS1 traffic without modification
 - Work that will be done includes:
 - Drop Placement
 - Additional Repeater Cards in the existing Apparatus Case in the route between the CO and the End-User
 - Replacement of Defective Repeater Cards in the existing Apparatus Case
 - Re-status existing DS1 qualified spare facilities that do not require additional work to make DS1 capable
 - Effective with this Interim Process, Qwest will also perform **Other Network Functions** including:
 - Removal of 3 or fewer Load Coils (LCs)
 - Removal of excessive Bridged Taps (BTs)
 - Rearrangement of existing pairs to include fiber hub counts
 - Rearrangement of existing pairs to extend the line
 - Rearrangement or addition of pairs into an existing Apparatus Case
 - Placement of additional repeater cards (no limit) due to rearrangement or placement of new Apparatus Case
 - Placement of one Apparatus Case
 - CRUNEC applies when there is no DS1-capable facility available.
 - That process includes:
 - Construction that requires placement of cable
 - Any work activity beyond the work referenced in the Incremental Facility Process above.
 - Does not apply to the Other Network Functions as identified above, as this work will be done at no additional charge to the CLECs while the Interim Process is in place.
 - CRUNEC will be applied to the removal of more than 3 load coils to make a facility DS1-capable.

- What Qwest is proposing to do to respond to CLEC feedback:
 - Qwest will temporarily implement the interim process described herein.
 - Qwest will develop, explain and present a new process for expedited construction process to allow CLECs to acquire DS1-capable loops when they are not available in the inventory but that can be constructed if facilities are re-engineered.

- Pipeline Orders
 - Process for handling –2 buckets:
 - Held Order Bucket:
 - Orders where the 30 day hold time frame has passed before 8/15 (other than WA) – CLECs will need to re-submit orders
 - Orders where the 30 day hold time frame expired or will expire between the 8/15 meeting and the 8/20 proposed implementation date – Qwest will keep those orders in held status and CLECs will not have to re-submit these orders. CLECs will receive a new jeopardy notice advising that Qwest is ready to provision. If CLEC does not respond to the notice within 48 hours, Qwest will reject the LSR and cancel the order.
 - Orders where the 30 day hold has not passed – Qwest will re-evaluate for input back into the cycle but the CLEC will need to identify those they wish Qwest to complete. CLECs will receive a new jeopardy notice advising that Qwest is ready to provision. If Qwest doesn't hear back within 48 hours, Qwest will reject the LSR and cancel the order.
 - Orders placed but yet not complete for Special Access Circuits
 - After 8/20 CLECs can contact Service Managers to Cancel the Special Access Request
 - After 8/20 CLECs can place a request for DS1 UBL that will be provisioned as defined above.
- Pricing Issues
 - Qwest is offering to adjust pricing for all circuits placed on or after June 16, 2003 and before August 20, 2003 that may have been billed at a rate other than UBL pricing (this includes adjustments to both the Recurring and Non-Recurring Charges).
 - Qwest is offering to refund any monies paid into the CRUNEC process for orders submitted on or after June 16, 2003 with respect to work which Qwest is proposing in this interim proposal to do without charge. CLECs must submit a request for a refund through their Service Manager.
 - Qwest is offering to convert all other requests to UBL.
 - CLECs can work through the time-frames and logistics of this via Service Managers