

state statutory authority. Qwest's forbearance request should not be granted without a thorough vetting and detailed consideration of the effect on the WUTC and, presumably, other state regulatory agencies in carrying out their statutory duties.

Currently, the WUTC is involved in discussions with a number of other state commission representatives regarding details and the merits of the Qwest petition. One clear concern resonating throughout these discussions is the relatively narrow timeframe established by the Commission for commenting on Qwest's petition.

Accordingly the WUTC strongly believes the public interest would be served by allowing additional and sufficient time to prepare and provide detailed comments regarding the merits of Qwest's petition. As the Commission has found in other instances, additional time for filing comments will enable it to obtain a more complete and well-developed record in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the WUTC hereby requests an additional 45 days to file its comments, and a corresponding extension of time to file reply comments in this proceeding.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 12th day of October, 2007.



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