

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

UTAH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
Section 63.71 Application of )  
QWEST CORPORATION )  
For Authority to Discontinue )  
Certain LAN Switching Service (LSS) Services )

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") applies to discontinue Local Area Network Switching Service ("LSS") services pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214. Qwest proposes to grandfather the LSS service to current users of the service with unexpired agreements for the service.

Qwest is a non-dominant carrier in regard to LSS. Qwest submits the following information in support of its application:

**1. Name and address of carrier**

Qwest Corporation  
1801 California Street  
Denver, CO 80202

**2. Date of planned service discontinuance**

The anticipated date for discontinuing LSS is May 25, 2009, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. New customers may not order LSS after it is grandfathered. Existing customers may retain their LSS service as it is currently being provided, but may not change their service, move their service or upgrade to a higher speed. In addition,

existing fixed period rate plans may not be renewed. Rather, upon completion of the existing term plan the service will be provided on a month-to-month basis.

**3. Points of geographic areas of service affected**

Qwest seeks authority to discontinue the provision of LSS in the states of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**4. Brief description of the type of services affected**

LSS is listed in Qwest's Rates and Services Schedule ("RSS") Interstate No. 1, Section 8, Advanced Communications Networks, Section 8.6.1, *et seq.* LSS is a transport service designed to interconnect local area network interfaces between customer-designated premises. LSS provides a specific amount of bandwidth over the Qwest Network, and supports both point-to-point and multiple connectivity between customer-designated locations. Qwest is discontinuing LSS because the equipment manufacturer has discontinued equipment necessary for provision of LSS. Qwest will work with its current customers to find substitute service if the customers so desire. Qwest Metro Optical Ethernet, known as QMOE, is among the services that may work well as a substitute.

**5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers**

Qwest sent the letter attached hereto to all of its LSS customers via U.S. Mail on April 2, 2009.

**6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued**

Qwest is a non-dominant carrier in regard to the service to be discontinued.

7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Qwest has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each affected state identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

QWEST CORPORATION

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April 24, 2009



April 2, 2009

**Important Information Regarding Changes  
to Your Qwest LAN Switching Service**

Customer Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear [NAME]:

At Qwest, we're committed to providing customers like you with quality communication solutions and timely information about events that could affect your service.

That's why I want to let you know that on May 18, 2009, or as soon thereafter as it receives all necessary government approvals,\* Qwest Corporation will grandfather all interstate LAN Switching Services (LSS) within Qwest's 14-state region\*\*.

Qwest will no longer be able support new orders for LSS due to the unavailability of the service equipment. You may retain your LSS service as it is currently being provided. However, existing fixed period Service Rate Plans may not be renewed. Upon completion of the existing rate plan the service will revert to month-to-month rates. You will not be able to move, change or upgrade your LSS service to a higher speed. For this reason, and for your growing business needs, we recommend new solutions Qwest may provide to you that offer many benefits.

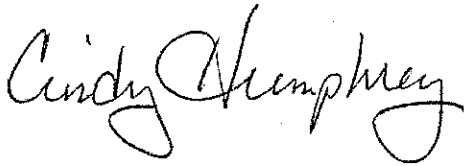
Many of the benefits available to you with new solutions include:

- Boost to separately purchased critical business applications—helping you meet adoption of voice over Internet protocol (VoIP), real-time convergence needs, disaster recovery/business continuity and robust network diversity—enabled by Qwest Metro Optical Ethernet technology or even Qwest iQ Networking MPLS Virtual Private Network (VPN) technology
- Improved performance for metro area networking (MAN) as well as wide area networking (WAN) needs through reduced latency and optional diversity capabilities
- Greater market reach with more domestic and international access locations
- Prioritization of your voice, data, and video communication for optimal performance of your converged network needs
- Reliable and efficient upgrade of more bandwidth—scalable to your business needs
- Flexible options to support local access

If you have any questions or are interested in learning about new solutions, please contact your assigned account representation or call us at 1 800.777.9594. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and assist you in recommending new services to benefit your business.

I understand you have a choice of communications providers, and I appreciate that you have chosen Qwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Humphrey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Cindy Humphrey  
Vice President, Marketing

\*The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20054, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

\*\* The 14 affected states are: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joan O'Donnell, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be 1) filed, with the Secretary of the FCC, and 2) served, via First Class United States mail, postage prepaid, upon the parties listed on the attached service list.

/s/Joan O'Donnell

April 24, 2009

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
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