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MEMORANDUM

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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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**RE: In the Matter of the Petition of Qwest Corporation for
Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Union
Telephone Company d/b/a Union Cellular under Section 252 of
the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996**

Docket No. 04-049-145

RECOMMENDATION: The Division recommends scheduling a hearing for this docket.

BACKGROUND: The Division has reviewed the information for this docket and found that there seems to be only one issue that needs to be resolved. Qwest has tried to negotiate with Union a wireless interconnection agreement, but up to this date has been unsuccessful. In this Docket Qwest alleges that Union is using codes that had been issued for wireline service for its wireless business without authorization and without any contractual arrangement with Qwest for the exchange of the traffic for its wireless operations.

Because the only issue that has been raised is whether an interconnection agreement is needed, and both parties seem to be at an impasse on this topic, the Division recommends the Commission schedule a hearing to resolve this stalemate.