

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF)	
MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES, INC., AGAINST QWEST)	DOCKET NO. 06-2249-01
CORPORATION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF)	
COMMISSION-APPROVED)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

CURTIS ASHTON

FOR

QWEST CORPORATION

MAY 19, 2006

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, JOB TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Curtis Ashton. I am employed by Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) as a Senior
3 Staff Technical Support Power Maintenance Engineer in the Technical Support Group,
4 Local Network Organization. My business address is 700 W. Mineral, Littleton Colorado,
5 80120.

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7 **Q. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE AND PRESENT**
8 **RESPONSIBILITIES.**

9 A. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude from Arizona
10 State University. I have been in the telecommunications backup power business since
11 1992. All the positions I've held with Qwest Communications (formerly U S WEST
12 Communications), including my current position, have dealt with power. In my current
13 position, I am Local Network's prime Subject Matter Expert ("SME") for all powering
14 and grounding issues. I have worked with power issues as they relate to Collocation
15 since the original FCC collocation order in 1992. I was also employed in our Power
16 Engineering department. In addition, I have presented papers at multiple conferences and
17 have been published in conference proceedings and trade magazines. Among the
18 presentations are two on collocation powering. I am also a vice-chair of several sub-
19 committees of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Stationary
20 Battery Standards Coordinating Committee (SCC) 29. In the past I served a term on the
21 general IEEE Standards Review Committee (RevCom).

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1 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

2 A. I am adopting the prefiled testimony of Robert J. Hubbard in this matter, with the
3 exception of the portion concerning his background and work history, and the exception
4 of page 14, lines 12-14, (the last sentence of the answer) which will be deleted.

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6 **Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS THAT NEED TO**
7 **BE MADE TO THAT TESTIMONY?**

8 A. Yes there are. On page 12, line 1, please replace the words “What I meant by that
9 statement is” with the following “It is my understanding that what Mr. Hubbard meant by
10 that testimony is”

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12 **Q. DOES THAT CONCLUDE THIS PORTION OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

13 A. Yes.

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