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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of QWEST CORPORATION Petition for Commission Approval of 2010 Additions to Non-Impaired Wire Center List	Docket No. 10-049-22 QWEST CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF 2010 ADDITIONS TO NON-IMPAIRED WIRE CENTER LIST AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF PROTECTIVE ORDER
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Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) hereby petitions the Commission to open a docket for approval of Qwest’s 2010 *additions* to its non-impaired wire center list in accordance with the FCC’s *Triennial Review Remand Order* (“*TRRO*”).¹ This petition is made in conformity with and pursuant to the Commission’s September 11, 2006 Report and Order (“Initial *TRRO* Order”) in the Commission’s initial *TRRO* non-impaired wire center proceeding (Docket No. 06-049-40). This wire center addition is also consistent with the joint settlement agreement between Qwest and a coalition of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (“CLECs”), collectively “the Joint CLECs,” that the Commission approved in Docket No. 06-049-40 on July 31, 2007 (“*TRRO* Settlement Order”).

¹ Order on Remand, *In the Matter of Review of Unbundled Access to Network Elements, Review of Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 01-338, WC Docket No. 04-313 (FCC rel. February 4, 2005) (hereafter “*Triennial Review Remand Order*” or “*TRRO*”).

In addition, pursuant to the Initial *TRRO* Order and the *TRRO* Settlement Order, Qwest requests that the Commission issue on an *expedited basis* a protective order based on the model protective order attached hereto as Attachment A.² Qwest and the Joint CLECs in the initial *TRRO* non-impaired wire center proceeding (Docket No. 06-049-40) negotiated and agreed to use this protective order as a basis for any protective order entered in future proceedings in order to allow Qwest to file confidential wire center information regarding “business line” counts and the number of “fiber-based collocators” as defined in the FCC’s *TRRO*. This was also the process that the Commission used in Docket 07-049-30, which pertained to the 2007 additions to Qwest’s non-impaired wire center list (“the 2007 Wire Center Update Docket”), and which the Commission approved on October 1, 2007 (Midvale wire center) and on November 20, 2007 (Orem wire center) (“2007 Wire Center Update Orders”), as well as in Docket 08-049-29, which pertained to the 2008 addition of the Draper wire center to Qwest’s non-impaired wire center list (“the 2008 Wire Center Update Docket”), and which the Commission approved on August 11, 2008 (“2008 Wire Center Update Order”).

INTRODUCTION AND PERTINENT BACKGROUND

On February 16, 2006, a consortium of CLECs (“the Joint CLECs”) submitted a letter to the Commission requesting a proceeding for the purpose of determining the business line counts and numbers of collocators in Utah wire centers, explaining that these determinations were necessary to implement the FCC’s rulings in the *TRRO* relating to unbundled dedicated transport and high-capacity loops. The Commission docketed this request as Docket No. 06-049-40.

² Qwest has made minor edits to the Minnesota form of protective order agreed upon by the Joint CLECs and Qwest in the settlement agreement, for use in this Utah proceeding.

The primary purpose of Docket No. 06-049-40 was for the Commission to determine the quantities of business lines and fiber collocators in Utah wire centers so that carriers can implement the Section 251(d)(2) non-impairment standards set forth in the FCC's *TRRO* for high-capacity dedicated transport and loops. The docket also addressed other issues and disputes relating to the *TRRO*, including the process for identifying and adding future new wire centers to the non-impaired wire center list.

Thereafter, on September 11, 2006, after prefiled testimony, an evidentiary hearing and the filing of post-hearing briefs, the Commission issued its Report and Order in Docket 06-049-40 resolving certain issues and disputes between Qwest and the Joint CLECs. The Initial *TRRO* Order included a ruling relating to the requirements for adding wire centers to the list of non-impaired wire centers in the future. The Commission's Initial *TRRO* Order requires, among other things, that Qwest make an advance filing requesting issuance of a protective order in anticipation of filing an updated wire center non-impairment list at least five (5) business days prior to Qwest filing its updated non-impaired wire center list request. See e.g., Initial *TRRO* Order, pp. 27-28.³

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION IN
DOCKET NO. 06-049-40, PREVIOUS WIRE CENTER UPDATE PROCEEDINGS, AND
PETITION FOR 2010 ADDITION TO NON-IMPAIRED WIRE CENTER LIST**

In 2007, Qwest and the Joint CLECs negotiated and executed a settlement agreement in Docket No. 06-049-40 and in five other Qwest states that addressed all issues in Docket No. 06-049-40 and the other *TRRO* wire center dockets in Qwest's region.⁴ Qwest filed the settlement

³ On October 11, 2006, both Qwest and the Joint CLECs filed motions for reconsideration on issues not relevant to the issues here. The Commission denied both motions for reconsideration.

⁴ Some or all of the Joint CLECs were parties to similar Joint CLEC filings at the state utility regulatory commissions in Arizona (Docket Nos. T-03632A-06-0091, T-03406A-06-0091, 03267A-06-0091, T-03432A-06-0091, T-04302A-06-0091 and T-01051B-06-0091), Colorado (Docket No. 06M-080T), Minnesota (Docket Nos. P-5692,

agreement in Docket No. 06-049-40 concurrently with its petition for approval of its 2007 additions to the non-impaired wire center list, and the Commission later approved the agreement on July 31, 2007.

As set forth in the settlement agreement that the Commission approved in Docket No. 06-049-40, the parties to the settlement agreement agree that Qwest may request the addition of non-impaired wire centers based in whole or in part upon line counts at any time up to *July 1st* of each year, based on prior year line count data, and using an agreed-upon methodology.⁵ The parties to the settlement agreement also agreed that at least *five (5) business days prior to filing* new non-impairment or tier designations for Commission review, Qwest will request a *protective order* from the Commission to govern the handling of confidential information during this new non-impairment proceeding.⁶ The parties also agreed to seek from the Commission approval of a standing protective order, which is a new protective order, based on an agreed-upon model protective order. Qwest is attaching the model protective order as Attachment A to this petition.

Consistent with this process and the requirements of the initial *TRRO* Order and the settlement agreement that the Commission approved on July 31, 2007 in Docket No. 06-049-40, on June 22, 2007, Qwest filed a petition for approval of its 2007 additions to its non-impaired wire center list (“the 2007 Wire Center Update Docket”). The wire centers at issue in that petition were the Midvale and Orem wire centers. The Commission docketed this petition as

5340, 5643, 5323, 465, 6422/M-06-211), and Oregon (Docket UM 1251). The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission investigated Qwest’s initial non-impairment list in an existing docket (number UT-053025) established to review the impacts of the *TRRO* on local competition.

⁵ With respect to fiber-based collocators, Qwest may request the addition of non-impaired wire centers to the Commission-approved non-impaired wire center list at any time based on the number of fiber-based collocators at a given wire center.

⁶ The requirement in the settlement agreement that Qwest will request a protective order from the Commission at least five (5) business days prior to filing new non-impairment or tier designations for Commission

Docket 07-049-30. The Commission then approved that petition on October 1, 2007 (Midvale wire center) and November 20, 2007 (Orem wire center) (“2007 Wire Center Update Orders”). Thereafter, on June 19, 2008, Qwest filed a petition for approval of its 2008 additions to its non-impaired wire center list (“the 2008 Wire Center Update Docket”). The only wire center at issue in that petition was the Draper wire center. The Commission then approved that petition on August 11, 2008 (“2008 Wire Center Update Order”).

Qwest now files its petition for its 2010 additions (consisting of the Salt Lake City East and the Salt Lake City West wire centers) to its non-impaired wire center list. Further, consistent with the settlement agreement in Docket No. 06-049-40 and its 2007 petition (Docket No. 07-049-30) and its 2008 petition (Docket No. 08-049-29), Qwest intends to file with the Commission, on Monday, June 21, 2010, the data supporting its additional non-impaired wire centers, along with a request for Commission approval of the list. Assuming that the Commission has issued the protective order described above by that date, Qwest will also provide the data supporting the updated list to all CLECs that have signed the protective order.

To facilitate this process and to comply with the requirement in the settlement agreement that Qwest seek Commission approval of a protective order at least five (5) business days prior to filing changes to the list, Qwest seeks the Commission’s *expedited issuance* of either a standing protective order or a new protective order based on the model protective order attached as Attachment A. Expedited issuance of the protective order will permit CLECs who sign the order to begin reviewing confidential wire center data promptly after Qwest files the data on June 21st.

review in order to govern the handling of confidential information during this new non-impairment proceeding is consistent with the Commission’s Order. See e.g., Initial *TRRO* Order, pp. 12-13.

As stated, the only wire centers that Qwest is seeking to add to its list of non-impaired wire centers based on the confidential data it will file on June 21, 2010 are the Salt Lake City East and the Salt Lake City West wire centers. The pertinent information is as follows:

STATE	WIRE CENTER	CLLI	TIER	NON-IMPAIRMENT FOR
UT	Salt Lake City East	SLKCUTEA	Tier 2	DS3 Transport and Dark Fiber
UT	Salt Lake City West	SLKCUTWE	Tier 1	DS3 Loops

REQUEST FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Finally, a protective order is needed in this new proceeding because the information that Qwest will file on June 21, 2010 will include certain highly-confidential wire center data, including highly-confidential CLEC-specific data. Qwest and the Joint CLECs in Docket No. 06-049-40 agreed these data should be protected by a protective order that contains protections and limited disclosures of highly-confidential information. Specifically, Qwest seeks this protective order because Qwest will be filing CLEC-specific wire center data in this proceeding for the purposes of counting business line counts and/or fiber-based collocators in the wire center at issue, and because the parties in Docket No. 06-049-40 agreed that a protective order would be needed for these future dockets.

Accordingly, Qwest submits with this petition (Attachment A) a model protective order that the parties in Docket No. 06-049-40 agreed to in their settlement agreement (based on a Minnesota protective order). Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission issue either a standing protective order, or a new protective order, based on the model protective order in Attachment A as soon as possible. Alternatively, Qwest notes that the Commission previously issued a modified protective order in Docket No. 06-049-40 and in Docket Nos. 07-049-30 and 08-049-29 that it may wish to consider in this new proceeding.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Qwest respectfully requests the Commission open a docket for approval of Qwest's 2010 additions of the Salt Lake City East and Salt Lake City West wire centers to its non-impaired wire center list in Utah for which Qwest will file supporting data on June 21, 2010, and that it issue a protective order, based on the model protective order in Attachment A, as soon as possible.

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