

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT)
OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF)
REGULATION PLAN FOR QWEST)
CORPORATION)**

Case No. 09-00094-UT

NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL ORDER

NOTICE is hereby given that in its Initial Order of March 24, 2009, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) commenced in this docket a proceeding “for the purpose of developing an alternative form of regulation (“AFOR”) concerning Qwest Corporation [“Qwest”], to become effective after the expiration of Qwest’s current AFOR II Pricing and Quality of Service Plan,” as further described and provided by that Order. Id., at ¶ A, p. 2. Now therefore, and being fully advised, the Hearing Examiner **FINDS and CONCLUDES** that:

1. Among other things, the Commission’s Initial Order directed that the “scope of this proceeding shall extend to all issues necessary and convenient to the development of a new AFOR plan concerning Qwest Corporation, including but not limited to, pricing, quality of service, infrastructure investment, and deployment of advanced services.” Id., at ¶ B, p. 2. The Commission also appointed the undersigned as Hearing Examiner for this case.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this case.

3. Pursuant to the Order of the Hearing Examiner, a pre-hearing conference was held on April 8, 2009 at the Commission’s Marian Hall offices attended by the Hearing Examiner and representatives of Qwest, the Commission’s Utility Division Staff (“Staff”), the Attorney General, the City of Albuquerque, Cyber Mesa Computer Systems, TW Telecom and, telephonically, the New Mexico Department of Information

Technology and the Federal Executive Agencies.

4. The procedural schedule and other procedural details provided below should be adopted, subject to further order.

The Hearing Examiner **ORDERS** that:

A. A public hearing will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 7, 2009 at the Commission's offices in Santa Fe, New Mexico—specific location to be determined later—for the purpose of hearing and receiving evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters related to this proceeding.

B. By no later than May 11, 2009, any person who desires to become a party to this case must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23.A and 1.2.2.23.B NMAC.

C. By no later than May 22, 2009, any parties with proposals regarding any aspect of the prospective AFOR that is the subject of this case shall file direct testimony.

D. Any desired response testimony shall be filed by no later than June 24, 2008.

E. On or before April 15, 2009, Qwest shall cause, at its expense, this Notice and Procedural Order to be published one time in the *Albuquerque Journal*. Qwest shall ensure that an affidavit confirming publication is promptly filed with the Commission. In addition, on or before April 15, 2009, Qwest shall, at its expense, mail copies of this Notice and Procedural Order to the Telecommunications Service list and to the service list for Case No. 05-00466-UT, and shall promptly file a Certificate of Service with the Commission.

F. The Commission's Administrative Procedures (1.2.2 NMAC) will apply to

this case except as modified by Order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

G. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are subject to further Order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner.

H. Any person whose testimony has been filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

I. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make written or oral comment pursuant to 1.2.2.23.F NMAC without becoming an Intervenor. Interested persons may also send written comments, which shall reference NMPRC Case No. 09-00094-UT, to the Commission at the address set out below. All such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

J. Any interested person may examine the filings in this case contained in the Commission's official file at the Commission's Utility Division offices, 224 E. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501; telephone: (505) 827-6941. All inquiries or written comments concerning this matter should refer to Case No. 09-00094-UT.

K. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case shall serve copies thereof on all parties of record and Staff via e-mail and first class U.S. mail. Any such filings shall also be sent to the Hearing Examiner via e-mail. Whenever possible, all electronically transmitted documents shall be in Word or native format. If necessary, discovery responses may be transmitted in some other readily searchable format.

M. The filing and service of pleadings and other documents in this case are subject to applicable Commission rules (*see, e.g., 1.2.2.10, 1.2.2.11, and 1.2.2.25.H NMAC*), except that service of discovery requests and responses shall be exclusively via electronic transmission unless otherwise agreed or ordered. Responses to discovery

requests shall be served in the manner provided herein within seven (7) days after service of the request(s) unless otherwise agreed or ordered. Consistent with 1.2.2.25.H NMAC, electronic service of discovery requests and responses shall not be made upon the Hearing Examiner. Exhibits to discovery responses shall be served at the same time and in the same manner as such responses unless otherwise agreed or ordered.

N. Qwest shall post this Order on its website. Staff shall cause this Order to be posted on the Commission's website.

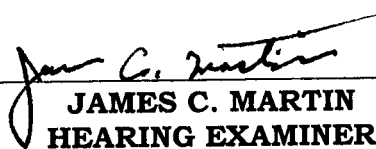
O. Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place, since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

P. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Q. The attached Certificate of Service is the official Certificate of Service for this case.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 9th day of April, 2009.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Notice and Procedural Order**, issued April 9, 2009, was forwarded on this date to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's offices at the PERA Building, 1120 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501, for mailing to each of the following:

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