

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 99A-407T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, LCI INTERNATIONAL TELECOM CORP., USLD COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE MERGER OF THEIR PARENT CORPORATIONS, QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC. AND U S WEST, INC.

**ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE,
EXTENDING TIME TO FILE
2002 AUDIT REPORT OF QWEST
CORPORATION'S LOCAL
NETWORK INVESTMENTS**

Mailed Date: August 27, 2003
Adopted Date: August 20, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On July 30, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a Motion for Variance related to the filing of its local network investment audit report. This audit is a requirement of Qwest included in Decision No. C00-0041 related to the merger of Qwest Communications International, Inc., and U S WEST, Inc.

2. The 2002 audit would normally have been due on March 31, 2003, but Qwest requested a waiver on March 21, 2003 and was given an extension in Decision No. C03-0423 to file the report - until July 31, 2003. Qwest now requests an extension of time until November 30, 2003 to file its year 2002 audit report.

3. Good cause has been stated for the requested variance, and we will grant the motion.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The motion filed by Qwest Corporation for a variance from the Commission requirement that the annual audit of Qwest Corporation's local network investments is due no later than the first quarter of 2003, is granted.

2. The Commission modifies the audit requirement of Decision No. C00-0041 to require that the audit of Qwest Corporation's local network investments for the year 2002 is due no later than November 30, 2003.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 20, 2003.**

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