

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04M-329T

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIENNIAL REORT FOR QWEST COMMUNICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL, INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 272(D)(2) OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996.

ORDER OPENING DOCKET

Mailed Date: June 24, 2004
Adopted Date: June 22, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. We open this docket to serve as the repository for the report of the independent accountants concerning the audit performed pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 272. Section 272(d)(2) (Section 272) requires that each state shall make the results of the audit available for public inspection and allow any party to submit comments on the final audit report.

2. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules for separate Section 272 affiliates which are located in Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Part 53, 53.201-53.213. The audit requirements are found at Part 53, 53.209-53.213. These rules cover the compliance with structural, transactional, and nondiscrimination requirements of §§ 272 9(b), (c), and (d) of the Communications Act. The FCC is the regulatory body that possesses the authority to enforce any complaints or alleged violations of Section 272.

3. We have received both hard copies as well as an electronic copy of the final audit report from Ernst & Young (E&Y), the independent auditors that performed the audit. We find

that it would be useful that any interested member of the public or any party have access to both the hard copy version or be able to view the final report in electronic form. We will thus make both forms of the audit report available to the public for its review and use.

4. Section 272(d)(2) also allows any party to submit comments related to the audit report. Any interested entities wishing to submit comments related to the E&Y audit report shall file those in this docket within 45 days of the effective date of this Order.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. This docket is opened for the above-stated purposes.
2. The audit report in hard copy form shall be available at the Commission's offices (in this docket number). In addition, an electronic version of the report shall be publicly available on the Commission's website.
3. Any comments on the audit report shall be due no later than 45 days of the effective date of this Order.
4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 22, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners