

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04A-358T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL
OF REVISED EXCHANGE AREA MAPS FOR THE DENVER METRO EXCHANGE AREA
AURORA ZONE AND NORTHEAST ZONE.

**DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED EXCHANGE AREA MAPS**

Mailed Date: August 18, 2004
Adopted Date: August 18, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for consideration of the Verified Application (Application) and Amended Verified Application by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) to revise the exchange area map boundaries in the Denver Metro Exchange Aurora Zone and Northeast Zone. Qwest also sought preliminary approval of the proposed Advice Letter setting forth the revisions so that Qwest may make a compliance filing of the tariff sheets on not less than one day's notice. This application is granted under the procedures contained in § 40-15-111, C.R.S.

2. Qwest states that it proposes to move the Township 3 South, Range 67 West, Section 10 and Township 3 South, Range 67 West portions of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ portion of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16 from the Northeast Zone to the Aurora Zone. Concident with the filing, Qwest is correcting Township 3 South, Range 67 West, Section 15, to reflect that a small portion of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 is actually being served from the Northeast wire center.

The Section 10 and ¼ portion of Section 16 boundary change to the Aurora Zone is being implemented because of anticipated growth associated with the Stapleton redevelopment area, and it would be more efficient to serve this area from the Montbello wire center.

3. In support of its application, Qwest states that no existing customers are affected by the revision, and Qwest will realize a cost savings of approximately \$340,000 by placing facilities from the Montbello wire center (versus placing facilities from the Northeast wire center) to serve these areas.

4. As of the date of this order, no comments were filed with the Commission. Interventions were due on or before August 11, 2004. None were filed.

B. Findings

5. The Commission has reviewed the revision of these two exchanges, and finds:

- (A) The revisions are not adverse to any existing customers.
- (B) The implementation of such revision will not adversely affect the public switched network.
- (C) The revisions of the exchanges will not compromise the financial integrity of the provider.

6. Consistent with § 40-15-111(2), C.R.S., we find that the Application for the boundary revision of the Denver Metro Exchange Aurora Zone and the Northeast Zone should be approved.

C. Conclusion

7. Based upon the record in the present proceeding and the standards for review of exchange area boundary rearrangements, we conclude that the Application should be granted.

II. ORDER**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The Verified Application filed by Qwest Corporation is deemed complete.
2. The Verified Application filed by Qwest Corporation is granted.
3. The two implementing tariff pages attached to the Amended Verified Application are approved. Citing this Order as authority, Qwest Corporation shall make an Advice Letter filing implementing these tariff changes revising the Denver Metro Exchange Aurora Zone and Northeast Zone boundaries on not less than one day's notice.
4. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 18, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners