

Decision No. R04-0515-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-496T

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION TO EXPAND THE LOCAL CALLING
AREA IN NORTHERN COLORADO.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
WILLIAM J. FRITZEL
ACCEPTING REVISED COST
STUDY AND NOTIFYING QWEST
CORPORATION TO PROCEED
WITH CUSTOMER SURVEY**

Mailed Date: May 21, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. By Decision No. C03-1350, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) was required to perform a cost study under the provision of 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-17-2-17.3.5 to quantify the rate increment per customer for the proposed local calling area expansion in northern Colorado.

2. On January 30, 2004, Qwest filed a cost study.

3. On April 9, 2004, Qwest filed a revised cost study.

4. On May 13, 2004, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a report to the Commission concerning the cost study. Staff states in its report that it has reviewed the revised cost study and additional information provided by Qwest in response to discovery requests. Staff states that it believes that Qwest's revised cost study is complete, and Staff recommends that the revised cost study be accepted without further modifications. Staff requests

an order of the Commission approving the revised cost study and notifying Qwest to proceed with the customer survey to affected customers in northern Colorado, in the form of the proposed customer survey, attached to Staff's motion as Exhibit A, and also attached to this Order.

5. Staff requests that the Commission allow an additional three business days for Qwest to complete the customer survey in order to accommodate customer response time due to the Memorial Day holiday.

II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. The Revised Cost Study filed on April 9, 2004 by Qwest Corporation is accepted.
2. Qwest Corporation shall proceed with the Customer Survey in the form of Attached Exhibit A.
3. The Customer Survey shall be completed within 30 days, plus an additional three business days, of the mailing date of this Order,.
4. This Order is effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge