BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISIONERS

JEFF HATCH-MILLER, Chairman
WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
MARC SPITZER
MIKE GLEASON
KRISTIN K. MAYES

IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION’S
FILING OF RENEWED PRICE REGULATION
PLAN.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF
THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACCESS.

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 1, 2005, Qwest Corporation filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule in the above-captioned dockets. On the same date, Qwest filed a notice in the docket that requested Commission Utilities Division Staff to schedule a series of meetings for the purpose of settlement discussions. Qwest believes it would be a waste of resources for the parties to proceed with the hearing while settlement negotiations are ongoing.

At a February 2, 2005 Procedural Conference, the parties discussed Qwest’s proposal. MCI, Inc., Time Warner and the Department of Defense were opposed to delaying the hearing. Staff, the Residential Utility Consumer Office (“RUCO”), Arizona Utility Investors Association (“AUIA”) and Cox Telecom did not oppose a suspension during settlement negotiations.

At the February 2, 2005 Procedural Conference, the Administrative Law Judge verbally suspended the procedural schedule and requested that the parties attempt to reach agreement on a proposed process for settlement discussion. On February 4, 2005, the parties filed a Joint Proposal for Settlement Negotiations. The parties to this docket agreed to participate in settlement conferences that would commence on February 10, 2005, and continue on February 11, 2005, if necessary. They further agreed to hold the next two settlement meetings on February 17, 2004, and February 28, 2005,
and recommended that the Administrative Law Judge hold a status conference to ascertain the
parties' progress in settlement negotiations, suggesting March 3, 2005 as the date of the first status
conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Procedural Conference for the purpose of updating the
Commission on the status of settlement discussions, discussing a procedural schedule going forward,
and any other procedural issues, shall commence on March 3, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon
thereafter as is practicable, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.
The telephone number for those parties participating telephonically is (602) 542-9000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2005. ☞

JANE L. RODDA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE