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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission P. O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Case No. TM-2001-628

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of an AMENDMENT TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Qwest		Service Commission Case No. TM-2001-628	
Communications Corporation and Certain)	og Co	nmic
of its Affiliates for Approval of Internal)	Case No. TM-2001-628	mesion
Corporate Restructuring)		

AMENDMENT TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

- 1. On May 15, 2001, Qwest Communications Corporation and three of its affiliates filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) an Application for Approval of Internal Corporate Restructuring. The three affiliates of Qwest Communications corporation involved in these mergers are: LCI International Telecom Corp.; Phoenix Network, Inc.; and USLD Communications, Inc.
 - 2. On August 23, 2001, Staff filed its Recommendation in this case.
- 3. On October 20, 2001, Counsel for Qwest contacted Counsel for Staff. Counsel for Qwest requested a change in the Staff Recommendation. The parties discussed changing part of Staff's Recommendation wherein Staff recommended that the Commission Order in this case direct Qwest Communications Corporation to file a revised tariff prior to the merger consummation. This tariff would consolidate the terms, conditions and prices of the LCI and Phoenix tariffs into the QCC tariff.
- 4. Staff hereby amends its Staff Recommendation to recommend that Qwest be ordered to promptly notify the Commission about the consummation of the merger and to file compliance tariffs within 30 days of the consummation of the merger. These compliance tariffs shall have an

effective date of 30 days from the date of filing. These compliance tariffs shall continue in all respects the terms, conditions and rates of the LCI and Phoenix tariffs that are being consolidated into the Qwest Communications Corporation tariffs. Staff further recommends that the certificates and tariffs of LCI International Telecom Corporation and Phoenix Network, Inc. be cancelled upon the effective date of the compliance tariffs of Qwest Communications Corporation.

- 5. The Office of Public Counsel has no objection to this Amendment to Staff's Recommendation.
 - 6. Counsel for Qwest Communications Corporation has no objection to this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an Order approving the mergers proposed in this case consistent with Staff's Recommendation and this Amendment to Staff Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 23rd day of October, 2001.

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