## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SECTION 272	)	CASE NO OWE T 04 16
BIENNIAL AUDIT AND REPORT FOR QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC.	)	CASE NO. QWE-T-04-16
,	)	NOTICE OF FILING OF AUDIT
	)	AND REPORT
	)	NOTICE OF COMMENT
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Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Qwest Communications, a Bell Operating Company (BOC), was authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide interLATA telecommunications services. Section 272 of the Act requires that a BOC providing interLATA services create a separate affiliate to provide the services. 47 U.S.C. § 272(a)(1). Qwest Communications International, Inc. is the separate affiliate created by Qwest Communications. Section 272(d) also requires that an audit be conducted every two years to determine whether the BOC and separate affiliate have complied with the provisions of Section 272 and regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on June 14, 2004, a Section 272 Biennial Report for Qwest Communications International, Inc. was filed with the Commission by Ernst & Young LLP. The audit specifically addresses the requirements of Section 272 that are intended to keep the activities of the long distance carrier separate from the operations of Qwest Communications. Thus, the Biennial Report addresses Section 272 objectives that the auditors specifically reviewed, including whether the separate affiliate has operated independently of the BOC, whether the separate affiliate has maintained books, records and accounts in the manner prescribed by the FCC that are separate from the books, records and accounts maintained by the BOC, and whether the BOC has discriminated between the separate affiliate and any other entity in the provision or procurement of goods, services, facilities and information or in the establishment of standards.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Biennial Report is on file with the Commission and is available for review. In addition, the report may be accessed electronically

through the Federal Communications Commission's electronic comment filing system in EB Docket No. 03-198 or at the following link—http://gullfoss2.FCC.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native\_or\_pdf=pdf&id\_document=6516213236.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that interested parties may file written comments with the Commission. Such comments may be filed through August 16, 2004. These comments should contain the case caption and case number shown on the first page of this document. Persons desiring to submit comments via e-mail may do so by accessing the Commission's home page located at <a href="https://www.puc.state.id.us">www.puc.state.id.us</a>. Click the "Comments and Questions" icon, and complete the comment form, using the case number as it appears on the front of this document.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this  $29^{th}$  day of June 2004.

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Commission Secretary

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