

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northstar Telecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Master Service Agreement

PU-04-572

AND

Z-Tel Communications, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Master Service Agreement

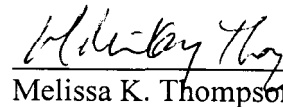
PU-04-576

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") respectfully states to the Commission that the legal issues raised in PU-04-572 and PU-04-576 are the same as those to be addressed by the Commission in PU-04-402. The parties in PU-04-402 will be participating in a hearing on January 27, 2005.

Qwest respectfully incorporates herein by reference its legal arguments both in the briefing that Qwest has filed in PU-04-402 (and PU-04-403) and in the upcoming hearing in PU-04-402.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 4th day of January, 2005.

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