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To: Bendish, Annette M.
Subject: RE: Qwest trade secret application in Case No. PU-08-941
Attachments: PU-08-941 Response to Questions.doc

Ms. Bendish,

Attached is Qwest's response to your questions listed below. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks

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Sent: Friday, January 02, 2009 8:59 AM
To: Manwarren, Kevin
Subject: Qwest trade secret application in Case No. PU-08-941

Dear Mr. Manwarren:

I have reviewed the application you have made for trade secret protection in Case No. PU-08-941. Please provide the following specific information so I may complete my review:

1. **General description of the nature of the information sought to be protected.**
2. **Explanation of why the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to other persons.**
3. **Explanation of why the information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.**
4. **General description of the persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.**
5. **Specific description of known competitors and competitors' goods and services that is pertinent to the tariff or rate filing.**
6. **Description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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- 1. General description of the nature of the information sought to be protected.**
Qwest seeks confidential treatment of the information contained in the request for a numbering resources safety valve waiver. This information includes a customer request to Qwest for 600 sequential telephone numbers out of the 701-557-4 block, Qwest's application to NeuStar for numbering resources which was denied, and the required supporting documentation.
- 2. Explanation of why the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to other persons.**
The documents contain specific information about Qwest's operations and resources in the Bismarck, ND area. The information includes details on Qwest's numbering resources in Bismarck where Qwest does not have the numberings resources to meet the needs of this specific customer. The documentation also includes Qwest's projections of its future numbering resource utilization – information it is required by FCC rules and numbering guidelines to submit to NeuStar with its application for additional numbering resources. NeuStar treats such information as confidential. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive and its public disclosure would place Qwest at a competitive disadvantage.
- 3. Explanation of why the information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.**
The information at issue is proprietary to Qwest and its customer. It is available from Qwest only to those employees and representatives of Qwest who have a need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities. Qwest does not disclose this information outside the company except pursuant to the terms of strict agreements or orders to maintain the confidentiality of the information. Both NANPA and the Pooling Administrator, NeuStar affiliates treat such information as confidential.
- 4. General description of the persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.**
Competitors or potential competitors of Qwest would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.
- 5. Specific description of known competitors and competitors' goods and services that is pertinent to the tariff or rate filing.**
Competitors and potential competitors of Qwest in North Dakota include AT&T, Verizon, McLeod, Sprint and any other provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota.
- 6. Description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information.**
See No. 3 above.