

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation  
Fargo Rate Center  
Numbering Resources

Case No. PU-11-65

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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**Order Granting Trade Secret protection**



The envelope was addressed as follows:

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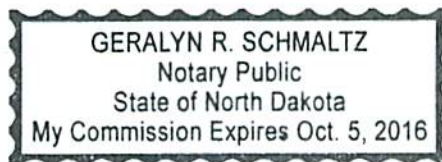
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **August, 2012**.

  
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**August 29, 2012**

**Preliminary Statement**

1. Qwest Corporation applied for trade secret protection on February 14, 2011, pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01 and requested a protective order in accordance with the provisions of the N.D. Admin. Code.
2. The information identified by their application includes confidential support documentation for its numbering resource filing. Specifically, Qwest Corporation is seeking protection "for [t]he Company's numbering resources in Fargo, ND, projections of its future numbering resource utilization, provid[ing] competitors with detailed information regarding the Company's scope of operations in North Dakota, and allows interpolation of the Company's scope of operations in other states".
3. Commission staff as required by N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-03 have on July 31, 2012, made a prima facie recommendation that the information is a trade secret as defined by N.D.C.C. § 47-25.1-01(4).
4. The information for which trade secret protection is sought is highly confidential and of a propriety and financial nature and as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4, has been kept confidential by Qwest Corporation and would be of advantage to competitors if not protected.
5. If competitors had access to such confidential information, it could adversely affect prices all to the ultimate disadvantage of consumers and customers of Qwest Corporation.
6. The Commission, in consideration of Staff's prima facie recommendation, determines that the information is a trade secret as defined by N.D.C.C. ch. 47-25.1 and

N.D. Admin. Code ch. 69-02-09;

**IT IS, THEREFORE,**

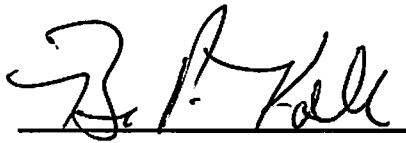
**ORDERED** Qwest Corporation is hereby granted trade secret protection pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. ch. 47-25.1 and N.D. Admin. Code ch. 69-02-09 for the information identified by the application; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order shall not constitute precedent for a determination of entitlement to trade secret protection for any information upon any subsequent application.

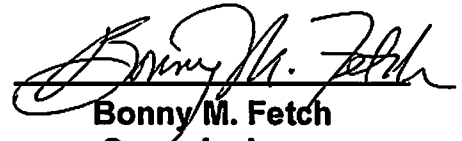
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