NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

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NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION ISSUES ORDER ON PRICING AND QUALITY OF SERVICE BY QWEST

COMMISSION ALSO ORDERS A PREHEARING CONFERENCE IN SANTA FE

SANTA FE, N.M. – The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“NMPRC” or “Commission”) has issued an order establishing further proceedings on Qwest Corporation’s proposed “Residence and Business Competitive Response Program” (tariff change).

Qwest competitor Cyber Mesa has challenged Qwest proposed tariff changes as anticompetitive, unlawful, and not in the public interest. The Commission will hold a full hearing on the matter in mid-December. In the meantime, the Commission ruled, the new Qwest tariff may go into effect, but only if it is modified so as to remove all geographic pricing discrimination. The Qwest AFOR II Plan, a landmark regulatory order issued by the NMPRC in November 2006, withholds from Qwest the ability to discriminate geographically on pricing in its New Mexico service territory.

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference:

- Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 1 p.m., Commission’s 4th Floor Hearing Room, PERA Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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