

February 21, 2008

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	
A Montana Corporation; and)	UTILITY DIVISION
HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE)	
COMPANY)	DOCKET NO. D2008.1.3
)	
Complainants,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
QWEST CORPORATION)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION OF THE
MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

COMES NOW the Montana Telecommunications Association (“MTA”) by and through its undersigned counsel, and submits this Petition to Intervene in Docket D2008.1.03.

I. Procedural History

On January 4, 2008, Ronan Telephone Company (“RTC”) and Hot Springs Telephone Company (“HSTC”) submitted a Petition asking the Montana Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to open a contested case proceeding pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §§ 2-4-601, *et seq.* to consider and adjudicate the issues referred to the

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Commission by the U.S. District Court (by Stipulation approved by Order of the Court) in *Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone Company v. Qwest Corporation*, Case No. CV 07-43-M-DWN-JCL, U.S. District Court, District of Montana, Missoula Division. On January 4, 2008, Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) filed a similar Petition asking the Commission to open a contested case proceeding pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §§2-4-601, *et seq.*, to consider and adjudicate issues referred to the Commission by the U.S. District Court in Case No. CV 07-43-M-DWM-JCL.

On January 30, 2008, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing of Petitions and Establishment of Intervention Deadline and Briefing Schedule on Jurisdictional Issues (“Commission Notice”). The Commission Notice sets an intervention deadline of February 21, 2008. MTA responds to the Commission Notice by filing this Petition to Intervene and seeks general intervention pursuant to ARM § 38.2.2403.

II. Discussion

MTA represents a number of independent, rural telecommunications service providers in Montana that will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding, including, without limitation, any decisions the Commission may make regarding the extent to which local exchange carriers (“LECs”) are entitled to recover their intrastate and interstate tariffed carrier access charges from Qwest on telecommunications traffic transited by Qwest to LECs’ various local exchanges and/or recovery by LECs of their intrastate and interstate tariffed access charges from originating carriers of such traffic transited by Qwest. MTA’s positions in this proceeding will be consistent with the interests of its member companies as they relate to their provision of telecommunications and related services in Montana.

III. Service List

The undersigned hereby requests that, in the event intervention is granted, each party and intervenor in this matter serve all pleadings, including data requests and data responses, notices, correspondence, and orders regarding each party and intervenor upon the following:

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IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, MTA respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for general intervention in this Docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of February 2007.

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