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SECTION 272 SUNSETS FOR QWEST IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA BY OPERATION OF LAW ON JUNE 26, 2006 PURSUANT TO SECTION 272(f)(1)

WC Docket No. 03-90

The provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), applicable to Bell Operating Company (BOC) provision of in-region, interLATA telecommunications services sunset for the operations of Qwest Communications International (Qwest) in the state of Minnesota by operation of law as provided in section 272(f)(1), effective June 26, 2006.

Section 272 of the Act requires BOCs to provide in-region, interLATA telecommunications services through separate corporate affiliates, subject to certain safeguards. 47 U.S.C. § 272(a)(2). Section 272(f)(1) provides that the provisions in section 272 (other than section 272(e)) expire three years after a BOC or BOC affiliate is authorized under section 271 to provide in-region, interLATA services, unless the Commission extends such 3-year period by rule or order. 47 U.S.C. § 272(f)(1).

The Commission granted Qwest section 271 authorization for the provision of in-region, interLATA services in the state of Minnesota in an order released on June 26, 2003.¹ Pursuant to section 272(f)(1), the provisions of section 272 (other than section 272(e)) sunset by operation of law for Qwest in the state of Minnesota effective June 26, 2006.²

For further information, please contact Cecilia Seppings, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.

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¹ See *Application by Qwest Communications International, for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Minnesota*, WC Docket No. 03-90, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 13323 (2003).

² See *Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate and Related Requirements*, WC Docket No. 02-112, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 26869 (2002) (finding that section 272(f)(1) is best interpreted as providing for a state-by-state sunset).