STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Northstar Telecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation **Case No. PU-04-572**
Master Service Agreement
Service Agreement(s)

Z-Tel Communications, Inc./Qwest Corporation **Case No. PU-04-576**
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 18, 2004

On October 29, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a copy of a Master Services Agreement negotiated with Northstar Telecom, Inc. (Northstar) and a copy of a Master Services Agreement negotiated with Z-Tel Communications, Inc. (Z-Tel). The Master Service Agreements have been posted on the Commission website. These Master Services Agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions under which Qwest agrees to provide Qwest Platform Plus (QPP) Service.

In a separate case, Case No PU-04-402, the Commission is reviewing a Master Services Agreement filed on August 2, 2004 by MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (MCI). In that proceeding, as well as the two proceedings noticed in this document , Qwest asserts that the Master Services Agreement is for services that Qwest is no longer required to provide under Section 251 or 252 of the Act. Therefore, Qwest asserts, the Master Services Agreement is not an interconnection agreement subject to section 252 filing obligations and MCI's application for approval should be dismissed. MCI asserts that section 252(e) requires that a voluntarily negotiated agreement be filed with state commissions for review and approval.

The issue to be considered in Case No PU-04-572 and PU-04-576 is whether the Master Services Agreements are interconnection agreements subject to state regulatory Commission approval under section 252 of the Act. The same issue is being considered in Case No PU-04-402 and may set precedent for Case No PU-04-572 and PU-04-576.

Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by January 5, 2005**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary.

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