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BY HAND DELIVERY

Catrice C. Williams, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, 8th Floor
Boston, MA 02118-6500

Re: D.T.C. 10-2- Petition of Choice One Communications of Massachusetts, Inc., Conversent Communications of Massachusetts, Inc., CTC Communications Corp. and Lightship Telecom LLC For Exemption from Price Cap on Intrastate Switched Access Rates as Established in D.T.C. 07-9

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced matter an original and nine (9) copies of the Petition to Intervene of Qwest Communications Company, LLC.

Please date stamp the enclosed duplicate copy of the Petition and return it to me for my file.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Alan D. Mandl

Enclosures

cc: Lindsay DeRoche, Hearing Officer Kajal Chattopadhyay, General Counsel Michael Isenberg, Director, Competition Division Parties to D.T.C. 07-9

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the

Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department"), Qwest Communications

Company, LLC ("Qwest") hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. As grounds for its Petition, QCC states as follows:

- QCC is registered with the Department as a provider of local exchange and Intrastate toll service and operates in Massachusetts in accordance with its tariff.
- 2. QCC, which operates primarily as an interexchange carrier ("IXC") in Massachusetts, is a payor of intrastate switched access rates charged by competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs").
- 3. QCC was a limited participant in Docket No. 09-7, in which the Department established a cap on intrastate switched access rates of CLECs in Massachusetts. In its Order in Docket No. 09-7, the Department allowed individual CLECs to seek an exemption from the cap by filing a cost study for Department review in order to demonstrate that their costs of

providing intrastate switched access in Massachusetts exceed the cap and support higher switched access rates.

- 4. In the above-captioned matter, several CLECs have petitioned the Department for exemptions from the cap on switched access rates. On information and belief, at least one petitioning CLEC has submitted a cost study to the Department and sought to have the entire cost study, including results, exempt from public disclosure.
- 5. As a payor of the capped switched access rates in Massachusetts, QCC would be specifically and substantially affected by the proposed exemptions requested by petitioners.
- 6. Further, QCC is specifically and substantially affected by Department review of CLEC cost studies submitted in order to support proposed exemptions. The cost study methodology to be reviewed by the Department could, if approved, be mirrored by other CLECs and cause increases in the switched access rates that QCC would be required to pay. In addition, the ability of QCC to defend its interests in just and reasonable switched access rates would be severely prejudiced if it were unable to obtain cost study and related information under the terms of an acceptable protective order or confidentiality agreement.
- 7. For these reasons, QCC is substantially affected by the conduct and outcome of this proceeding.
- 8. No other party can adequately represent the specific interests of QCC in this matter.
- The public interest would be served by allowing QCC to intervene in this matter, given its experience as a carrier.

- 10. QCC may participate fully in this proceeding at the motion, discovery, hearing and post hearing stages. QCC may present evidence, conduct cross-examination and submit briefs.
- 11. All correspondence and other communications regarding this proceeding should be served on the following:

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12. The filing of this Petition constitutes the appearance of counsel on behalf of QCC in accordance with 220 C.M.R. 1.03.

WHEREFORE, QCC requests that it be granted leave to intervene in this matter with all

the rights of participation as a full party.

Respectfully submitted,

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC

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