

Notice of Application by Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) to relinquish its designation as provider of last resort and to designate Pine Drive Telephone Company (“Pine Drive”) as the provider of last resort

Qwest and Pine Drive have applied to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Colorado PUC) for approval to rearrange their exchange area boundaries so that a portion of Qwest’s Pueblo exchange and Florence exchange are moved to Pine Drive’s service territory. Pine Drive can more efficiently and easily provide service to these areas.

The areas to be transferred will be: Qwest operating area within Pine Drive’s exchange area: Sections 31-35 in T20S, R67W, and Sections 2-11, 14-23, 26-35 in T21S, R67W from Qwest’s Pueblo exchange to Pine Drive; and Sections 12, 13, 23-26, SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 34 and Sections 35 and 36 in T21S, R68W from Qwest’s Florence exchange to Pine Drive.

As part of the Application, Qwest also requests for approval to relinquish its designation as Provider of Last Resort and to designate Pine Drive Telephone Company as the provider of last resort.

There are no existing Qwest end user customers affected by Qwest’s application to relinquish its designations as a Provider of Last Resort and to designate Pine Drive Telephone Company as the provider of last resort.

Upon the effective date of the Application, Pine Drive will be the designated local exchange provider in the affected areas. At that time local service may be obtained from Pine Drive or you may obtain lists of alternative telecommunications providers from the Commission. If you choose to obtain basic local exchange service from Pine Drive, basic residential and business rates and local calling areas will change as follows:

	Qwest	Pine Drive
Residential Basic Local Exchange Service Rate	\$14.88	\$17.05
Business Basic Local Exchange Service Rate	\$35.02	\$18.65
Local Calling Area	<p>Pueblo (Main, Sunset, Vineland and West wire centers of the Pueblo Exchange) have a local calling area of:</p> <p>Canon City, Florence, Walsenburg; Beulah wire</p>	<p>Pueblo Main, Sunset Pueblo West Vineland</p>

	<p>center of Pine Drive Telephone Company; Colorado City and Rye wire centers of Rye Telephone Company; Fowler, Gardner, Manzanola and Ordway wire centers of CenturyTel of Eagle</p> <p>Pueblo (Avondale wire center of the Pueblo exchange) has a local calling area of:</p> <p>Walsenburg; Fowler, Gardner, Manzanola and Ordway wire centers of CenturyTel of Eagle</p> <p>Florence - has a local calling area of:</p> <p>Canon City; Main, Sunset, Vineland and West wire centers of the Pueblo Exchange; Westcliffe wire center of CenturyTel of Eagle</p>	
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Carrier customers that purchase interconnection, services and network elements from Qwest pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(c) should be aware of the fact that Pine Drive is a rural telecommunications carrier. As a result, 47 U.S.C. 251(f) currently exempts Pine Drive from providing interconnection, services and network elements pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(c).

The proposed effective date of the application is August 3, 2009. The filing is available for inspection at the offices of at Qwest Corporation, located at 1801 California Street, 47th Floor, Denver, Colorado, 80202; and, at the offices of Pine Drive, located at 8611 Central Avenue, Beulah, Colorado 81023 and at the offices of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Basic local telephone service will continue to be available regardless of the outcome of the Commission's determination on the application.

If the Commission grants the application, Pine Drive will be available to offer service. Any person may file written comment(s) or objection(s) concerning the application with the Colorado PUC at the address set forth above or at the following e-mail address:

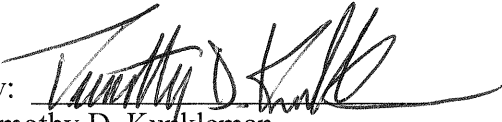
puc@dora.state.co.us. The Colorado PUC will consider all written comments and objections submitted prior to any evidentiary hearing on the application, if held.

If you desire to participate as a party in any proceeding before the Colorado PUC regarding the application, you must file an intervention in accordance with Rule 1401 of the Colorado PUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure or any applicable Commission order.

The Colorado PUC may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the application and if such a hearing is held members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections or an intervention. If the application is uncontested or unopposed, the Colorado PUC may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice. Any person desiring information regarding if and when hearings may be held shall submit a written request to the Colorado PUC or shall alternatively contact the External Affairs section of the Colorado PUC at one of the following numbers: 303-894-2070 or 1-800-456-0858.


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