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Teacher Retirement System of Texas Reaches \$61.6 Million Settlement with Qwest Communications

AUSTIN – The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) announced today that it has reached a major settlement with Qwest Communications International, Inc., on allegations of securities fraud committed by that telecommunications company. TRS will receive a net recovery of approximately \$61.6 million from the settlement.

A class-action settlement with Qwest was announced in 2005. Under that settlement, TRS' estimated recovery would have amounted to \$1.4 million. TRS opted out of the class recovery to pursue legal proceedings against Qwest. The \$61.6 million net settlement that TRS reached with Qwest is approximately \$60 million greater than the estimated recovery would have been under the class-action settlement.

“We considered the high attorney fees and the insufficient recovery anticipated from the class action lawsuit and decided to seek damages from Qwest on our own,” explained TRS Executive Director Ronnie Jung. “We were confident that we could achieve a much greater recovery on behalf of our members and beneficiaries.” Retirement systems from other states, including Alaska, Colorado, Florida, and New York also participated in this successful settlement.

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