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December 17, 2003

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-030417
Qwest's Request for Extension of the Waiver Granted June 27, 2003

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On March 27, 2003, Qwest submitted a Petition for Waiver of WAC 480-120-146 as Adopted on December 16, 2002 in Docket No. UT-990146 and Effective July 1, 2003. The Commission granted Qwest's petition on June 27, 2003 in Order No. 01, Order Granting Temporary Exemption from Rule allowing Qwest until January 1, 2004 to comply with the rule.

On June 17, 2003, Qwest petitioned the Commission to amend the rule at issue, WAC 480-120-146, and Docket No. UT-030964 was opened. This rulemaking is still in process and a final amended rule has not yet been adopted. At present, the matter has been continued and is now set for review at the Commission's open meeting on January 14, 2004. Qwest understands that Commission Staff will present a new proposal and request approval to file a supplemental CR-102 with the Code Reviser at that time.

Commission Staff has indicated this rulemaking is taking more time than anticipated to complete and an amended rule may not become effective for an additional six months. Therefore, Qwest seeks an extension of the exemption regarding WAC 480-120-146 until July 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa A. Anderl".

Lisa A. Anderl

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