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Via UPS

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7254

> Re: Docket No. UT-970318 Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and North County Communications Corporation

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Interpretive and Policy Statement issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and North County Communications Corporation. This Amendment addresses terms, conditions and rates for ISP traffic.

The enclosed Amendment does not discriminate against non-party carriers. It is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It is also consistent with applicable state law requirements, including Commission orders regarding interconnection issues. Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously.

The Order on Arbitration Procedure also requests that a proposed order accompany the filing. Qwest requests a waiver of that requirement, and is not providing one with this filing, as the Commission has, in the past, used its own format for Orders. If this is not satisfactory to the Commission, please contact me and I will forward a proposed order immediately.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Weber

Enclosures

cc: Luba Hromyk (without enclosure) Todd Lessex at North County Communications (without enclosure)