

January 8, 2003

VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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-023042
Request for Approval of Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement Between
Qwest Corporation and Level 3 Communications, LLC**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the *Interpretive and Policy Statement* issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, and pursuant to paragraph 40 of the *Third Supplemental Order, Arbitrator's Decision* in Docket No. UT-023042, please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the signed, arbitrated Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Level 3 Communications, LLC.

The enclosed Agreement 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 Agreement 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.

Very truly yours,

Kirstin S. Dodge
Counsel to Qwest Corporation

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Enclosures
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