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Judge Ann Rendahl
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UT-(new) – North County Arbitration
Qwest Petition for Arbitration

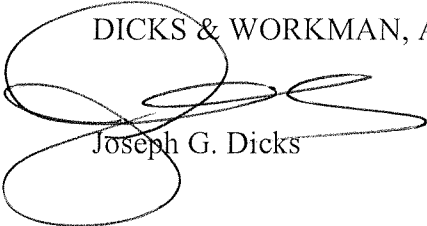
Dear Judge Rendahl:

I apologize for my mis-calendaring of today's telephonic conference. North County Communications Corp. ("NCC") has recently retained my firm to represent it in this matter due to the delay of prior counsel. We have immediately opened negotiations with Lisa Anderl and the other appropriate representatives at Qwest regarding the issues they presented. Both parties have realized that it is quite possible we can amicably negotiate an interconnection agreement without recourse to the Commission for formal arbitration.

Therefore, both parties hereby request that the Commission stay all action in this proceeding for thirty (30) days so that the parties may make a good faith effort to settle some or all of the issues. Both parties feel it would be in their interests to provide a window to attempt private settlement now that NCC has retained responsive counsel. And both parties feel it would be a waste of Commission time and resources to begin a proceeding that might be quickly and easily settled without recourse to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

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