BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of TEL WEST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC'S PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ITS INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH QWEST CORPORATION Docket No. UT-053098

NARRATIVE SUPPORTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- Pursuant to WAC 480-07-740(2), this Narrative Supporting Settlement Agreement ("Narrative") summarizes the Settlement Agreement that will be filed this same day in the above referenced docket. It is not intended to modify any terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- This docket concerns and settles a number of disputes between Qwest Corporation and Tel West Communications, LLC. Initially, Tel West disputed whether Qwest had implemented its batch hot process so as to enable it to increase its port rates. In response, Qwest denied that the Batch Hot Process was not implemented and sought recovery of alleged past due amounts owing from Tel West to Qwest.
- Qwest and Tel West agreed to settle and compromise the disputes by entering into a Settlement Agreement. To that end, Tel West has agreed to pay Qwest a compromised amount in consecutive monthly payments and to make timely payments (as defined as or before the due

date) of all current payments. The Parties further agreed to ask the Commission to dismiss Tel West's Complaint and Qwest's Counterclaim with prejudice.

To the extent necessary, an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between the Parties

will be filed with the Commission.

5 These matters are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. It is believe the Settlement

Agreement is in the public interest.

6 Qwest and Tel West respectfully suggest that no hearing on this Settlement is necessary and

request that the Commission approve the Settlement filed in this docket. Owest and Tel West

offer to provide witnesses in support of the Settlement if required to do so by the Commission.

DATED this _____ day of March, 2006.

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