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*Via Facsimile, E-Mail
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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
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Re: Docket Nos. UT-021178
Financial rules rulemaking
Request for Extension of Time to File Written Comments

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On December 3, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the above-referenced rulemaking docket. The Notice requires comments to be filed on or before January 5, 2004. Due to the press of ongoing litigation matters, the significance of the proposed rule changes, and the unavailability of company staff during the year-end holidays, Qwest requests that the comment period be extended by two weeks, from January 5, 2004 to January 19, 2004.

I have spoken with representatives of Avista, Public Counsel, Puget Sound Energy and PacifiCorp about a possible extension. PSE indicated it did not oppose an extension, and the others offered support for the extension requested by Qwest.

Sincerely,

Adam L. Sherr

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cc: Fred Ottavelli, Commission Staff