



Dear Foreign Exchange Service Customer,

Your current Foreign Exchange (FX) services are jointly provided by two telephone companies — Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and Mashell Telecom, Inc., d/b/a Rainier Connect (“Rainier Connect”). Today you receive two bills for these services — one from Qwest for Qwest Dial Tone as well as the entire interexchange circuit transport, based on Qwest’s private line rates; and one from Rainier Connect for all other service elements comprising the FX service. This is part of an historical arrangement.

This letter is to inform you that Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services and the current arrangement for FX services in portions of Washington. Qwest believes that a designated carrier is not appropriate in today’s competitive environment. Qwest’s Petition will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on December 14, 2005.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest’s portion of your FX service and Rainier Connect will bill you its rates for Rainier Connect’s portion of your FX service. Qwest’s rates will remain unchanged from the current level for its Dial Tone as well as its portion of the interexchange circuit transport, and Rainier Connect’s rates will include new charges for the portion of the Foreign Exchange Service furnished by it. Subject to any tariff changes that may be necessary becoming effective, these latter charges will be from the Network Access and Toll Service portion of its Tariff WN U-3, which is in the process of being modified to accommodate this transition. Qwest’s Washington intrastate private line rates are available for viewing at http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.htm, and a summary of the planned FX service charges from both Qwest and Rainier Connect are presented on the rate sheet that accompanies this notice.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC on December 14, 2005, Qwest and Rainier Connect will begin billing you as outlined above effective January 1, 2006. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for this service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1-877-262-6596 and a Rainier Connect representative at 1-360-832-4022. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest and Rainier Connect look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and are pleased to be your Foreign Exchange Service telecommunications providers. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission’s mailing list for notification of the Commission’s decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1-800-562-6150, email the Commission at comments@wutc.wa.gov, or write the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely,
Qwest and Rainier Connect