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Via UPS

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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-003026
Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and Hood Canal Telephone Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Interpretive and Policy Statement issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the Bill and Keep Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Hood Canal Telephone Company, Inc. dba Hood Canal Communications. This Amendment addresses terms, conditions and rates for bill and keep.

The enclosed Amendment 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 Amendment 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.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Weber

Enclosure

cc: Mary Sullivan (without enclosure)
Rick Buechel at Hood Canal Communications (without enclosure)
Richard Finnigan for Hood Canal Communications (without enclosure)