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Via Airborne Express

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-970306  
First Amendment to Negotiated Adoption of Wireline Interconnection  
Agreement between United States Cellular Mobile Telephone Network  
and U S WEST Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In July, 2000 Qwest submitted to you eight (8) copies of the Second Amendment to Negotiated Adoption of Wireline Interconnection Agreement between United States Cellular Mobile Telephone Network ("U.S. Cellular") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc. With that filing we had failed to include a cover letter and are now providing this to you.

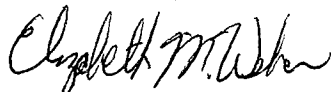
In accordance with the Order on Arbitration Procedure in Docket No. UT-960269, included in the July filing were copies of the above-referenced Second Amendment for which Qwest sought Commission approval. Qwest and U.S. Cellular negotiated this agreement for interconnection under the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Also enclosed was a Request For Approval Of Second Amendment to Interconnection Agreement.

The parties respectfully request that this matter be placed on the next Consent Agenda for expedited approval.

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.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 793-6632.

Sincerely,

  
for Manuel J. Ortiz

cc: Elizabeth Weber  
Tom Cook

  
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