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Ms. Carole Washburn Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA. 98504-7250

RE: UT-030388

Dear Ms. Washburn:

This letter is to inform you that today Qwest is sending notification pursuant to Section 5.7 of the SGAT and Section 13.3 of the QPAP. The notice is going to all CLECs with Interconnection Agreements with Qwest and states:

On September 3, 2003 at 7:50 a.m. in Bellingham, Washington a fiber cable was cut causing service interruption. Service was restored on September 3, 2003 at 12:28 p.m. Qwest is currently working to assess the issue fully and to determine the impacts to its ability to process orders and perform maintenance functions, if any.

Pursuant to SGAT §5.7, and QPAP § 13.3, Qwest is providing notification of this Force Majeure event to the extent any delay or failure in performance was caused by these circumstances.

A paper copy of this letter will be delivered on September 8, 2003. Please call Sue Henson at 206-345-4341 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,