



July 18, 2002

Nancy Donahue  
Qwest  
1801 California St  
Suite 2410  
Denver 80202

VIA FACSIMILE

RE: Agreed Arbitration Window for the Interconnection Agreement Between Level 3 Communications, LLC and Qwest for Washington, Utah and New Mexico.

Dear Ms. Donahue:

On behalf of Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3"), I am writing to memorialize the understanding our companies have reached regarding the timetable for negotiating an Interconnection Agreement between Level 3 and Qwest in Washington, Utah and New Mexico.

The Parties agreed that for the purpose of determining relevant deadlines under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"), negotiations in Washington, Utah and New Mexico commenced on February 27, 2002, making the period during which either Party may file for arbitration under section 252 (b) (1) of the Act begin on July 12, 2002 and end on August 6, 2002, those dates being the 135<sup>th</sup> and 160<sup>th</sup> day of negotiations.

If the foregoing does not comport with your understanding, then please contact me as soon as possible at (720) 888-6432. Please sign in the space provided below and fax a signed copy of this letter to my attention at (720) 888-5134

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter F. Blisard".

Peter F. Blisard  
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Agreed for Qwest