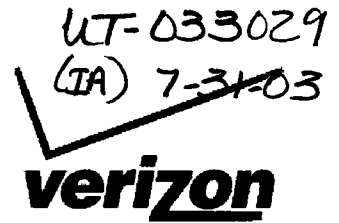


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Ms. Carole J. Washburn,
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Chandler Plaza Building
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Olympia, Washington 98504

Subject: **INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT - VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.
AND ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three (3) copies of the Interconnection Agreement between the above referenced companies.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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