

EXHIBIT A

**LOCAL INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

AND

PAC-WEST TELECOMM, INC.

FOR

WASHINGTON

- (C)2.3.2.3 When the Parties elect to establish two-way trunks, the compensation for such jointly used, shared facilities shall be adjusted as follows.

The provider of the DTT will always bill 100% of the charges for the facility to the other Party, who will in turn, bill the provider 50% of the DTT charges. Payments according to this 50/50 allocation of traffic will continue until either Party provides actual minutes of use data to substantiate a change in the allocation.

- (C)2.3.2.4 Multiplexing options (DS1/DS3 Mux) are available at rates described in Part H of this Agreement.

(C)2.3.3 Trunk Nonrecurring Charges

- (C)2.3.3.1 Installation nonrecurring charges may be assessed by USW for each LIS trunk ordered by Northwest, at the rates specified in Part H of this Agreement.

- (C)2.3.3.2 Rearrangement nonrecurring charges may be assessed by USW for each LIS trunk rearrangement ordered by Northwest, at one-half the rates specified in Part H of this Agreement.

(C)2.3.4 Exchange Service (EAS/local) Traffic

(C)2.3.4.1 End Office Call Termination

- (C)2.3.4.1.1 The Parties agree that per minute of use call termination rates as described in Part H of this Agreement will apply reciprocally for the termination of Exchange Service (EAS/Local) traffic.

- (C)2.3.4.1.2 For purposes of call termination, the Northwest switch(es) shall be treated as end office switch(es), unless Northwest's switch(es) meet the definition of tandem switch in this Agreement.

- (C)2.3.4.1.3 As set forth above, the Parties agree that reciprocal compensation only applies to Local Traffic and further agree that the FCC has determined that traffic originated by either Party (the "Originating Party") and delivered to the other Party, which in turn delivers the traffic to an enhanced service provider (the "Delivering Party") is primarily interstate in nature. Consequently, the Delivering Party must

identify which, if any, of this traffic is Local Traffic. The Originating Party will only pay reciprocal compensation for the traffic the Delivering Party has substantiated to be Local Traffic. In the absence of such substantiation, such traffic shall be presumed to be interstate.

(C)2.3.4.1.4 Neither Party shall be responsible to the other for call termination charges associated with third party traffic that transits such Party's network.

(C)2.3.4.2 Tandem Switched Transport

(C)2.3.4.2.1 For traffic delivered through a USW or Northwest local tandem switch (as defined in this Agreement), the tandem switching rate and the tandem transmission rate in Part H of this Agreement shall apply per minute in addition to the end office call termination rate described above.

(C)2.3.4.2.2 Mileage shall be measured for the tandem transmission rate elements based on V&H coordinates between the local tandem and terminating end office. If actual mileage cannot be measured, an assumed one mile will be used.

(C)2.3.4.2.3 When Northwest terminates traffic to a USW remote office, additional tandem transmission rates will be applied for the mileage between the USW host office and the USW remote office.

(C)2.3.5 Miscellaneous Charges

(C)2.3.5.1 Cancellation charges will apply to cancelled LIS trunk orders, based upon rates, terms and conditions described in State Access tariffs.

(C)2.3.5.2 Expedites for LIS trunk orders are allowed only on an exception basis with USW executive approval within the same timeframes as USW provides for other designed services. When expedites are approved, expedite charges will apply to LIS trunk orders based on rates, terms and conditions described in state Access Tariffs.