

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF LEVEL 3)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC'S PETITION)
FOR ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO)
SECTION 252(B) OF THE)
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS)
AMENDED BY THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996,)
AND THE APPLICABLE STATE LAWS)
FOR RATES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS)
OF INTERCONNECTION WITH QWEST)
CORPORATION)
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Docket No. _____

**PETITION OF LEVEL 3
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

**APPENDIX A
NEGOTIATION CORRESPONDENCE**



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October 6, 2005

Qwest Corporation
Ms. Nancy Donahue
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RE: Request to Extend Arbitration Window for Negotiations of an
Interconnection Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC, in North
Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington

Dear Ms. Donahue:

This letter will confirm the agreement between Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") regarding the status of negotiations of the Interconnection Agreement between our companies in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington.

The parties agree that the negotiation of the Interconnection Agreement in Minnesota officially commenced on August 19, 2005. Accordingly, the 135 to 160 day period during which either party may file for arbitration pursuant to Section 252 (b)(1) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 shall begin on January 1, 2006 and will end on January 26, 2006 inclusive (the "Arbitration Window").

If the foregoing does not comport with your understanding, then please contact me as soon as possible at 720-888-1319. Otherwise, please execute this letter in the space provided below agreeing to the above set forth timeframes and fax a signed copy of this letter to my attention at 720-888-5134.

Sincerely,

Erik J. Cecil
Level 3 Communications, LLC
Regulatory Attorney

Agreed for Qwest Corporation