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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7254

Re: Docket No. UT-960323
Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Interpretive and Policy Statement issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the Performance Assurance Plan Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

The enclosed Amendment does not discriminate against non-party carriers. It is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It is also consistent with applicable state law requirements, including Commission orders regarding interconnection issues. Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously.

The Order on Arbitration Procedure also requests that a proposed order accompany the filing. Qwest requests a waiver of that requirement, and is not providing one with this filing, as the Commission has, in the past, used its own format for Orders. If this is not satisfactory to the Commission, please contact me and I will forward a proposed order immediately.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Weber

Enclosures

cc: Debi Hartl (without enclosure)

Michael Beach at MCI WorldCom (without enclosure)