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March 14, 2005

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive 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-980396  
Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement  
between Qwest Corporation and Ernest Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with WAC 480-07-640, please find enclosed an original and two (2) copies of the Amendment to Interconnection Agreement for Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process and Discounts between Qwest Corporation and Ernest Communications, Inc. for the State of Washington.

Qwest has also enclosed a Request for Approval form, completed per the informal request of Commission Staff on May 12, 2004.

The enclosed Amendment does not discriminate against non-party carriers. It is consistent with state and federal law, and is in the public interest.

Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Maura E. Peterson

cc: Philynda Dillard (without enclosure)  
Paul Masters, Ernest Communications, Inc. (without enclosure)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. UT-980396

I hereby certify that I have this day served this cover letter without the enclosed amendment upon all persons listed below who are parties of record in this proceeding, by United States Postal Service first class mail in accordance with WAC 480-07-150.

Ernest Communications, Inc. Paul Masters, President 5275 Triangle Parkway, Suite 150 Norcross, GA 300922	
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Dated at Seattle, Washington this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2005.

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