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Via E-Mail, Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: Docket No. UT-021120
Dex Transfer Application

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Qwest hereby requests an extension of time for filing answers to Staff's motion to remove the confidentiality designations in Lee Selwyn's testimony (though Staff's motion ostensibly applies to the testimony of Glenn Blackmon as well, Staff notes in the body of the motion that there is no dispute between the parties as to that testimony). Ordinarily, Qwest would have 20 days within which to file an answer, or until April 30. The Commission has shortened the response time to now require an answer by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 21, 2003.

Qwest respectfully requests that it be granted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 to file such an answer. There are two reasons supporting this request for extension. First, Qwest believes that the additional time will actually speed the resolution of the issues. Until two days ago, Qwest and Staff were working on resolving these issues informally. Attached hereto is the message sent to Staff with Qwest's preliminary response on the confidentiality issues. It contains an assurance that Qwest will continue working on reviewing those designations and updating its response as it is able. Qwest believes that it will be able to provide significant additional response, thereby narrowing the disputed

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issues, if it is granted additional time to continue its review. Second, Qwest will need this additional time because, as noted in the message to Staff, Qwest's resources that are necessary to update the response are currently dedicated to the preparation and filing of its testimony, due on April 17, 2003. The current deadline for answers is only one business day after the testimony is due. Qwest believes that the very brief extension it seeks will enable it to more effectively respond, and that the issues will thereby be significantly narrowed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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