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Ms. Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: Docket No. UT-021120
Extension of Time for Filing Answers to Staff's Motion
to Remove the Confidentiality Designations

Dear Ms. Washburn:

I am writing on behalf of Dex Holdings, LLC to support Qwest's request for an extension of time for filing answers to Staff's motion to remove the confidentiality designations in Lee Selwyn's testimony. Although much of the material at issue was initially designated confidential by Qwest, the material is information that is also confidential to Dex Holdings.

Dex Holdings has heretofore only had time to review the materials that Qwest has already re-designated as non-confidential or confidential (rather than highly confidential). There is a significant volume of additional materials to review. We do not expect that we will have time to review any of the additional materials until after the rebuttal testimony is filed this Thursday, April 17, 2003. In addition to a large volume of testimony to review, prepare, and coordinate with Qwest and our respective clients, we are also continuing to receive numerous data requests and data request responses. The paper flow in the case is, at present, difficult to keep up with even devoting full time to this case.

Dex Holdings agrees with Qwest that effectively it and Dex Holdings will have one business day¹ to review the materials that are the subject of Qwest's motion, evaluate a position, and prepare a responsive brief. This is not a reasonable time period to accomplish such

¹ Counsel for Dex Holdings is willing to work on the task over the weekend. However, getting answers and clearances from the necessary business people (i.e. representatives of the client) is typically very difficult to accomplish outside of a normal business day.

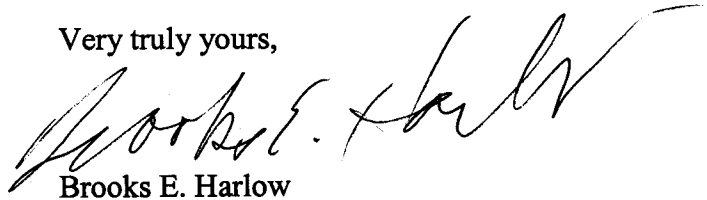
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a task. Under the circumstances, Dex Holdings will effectively be forced to err on the side of seeking continued blanket confidential protection for all the materials. The motion process could be much more productive if Dex Holdings had a reasonable period of time to undertake a meaningful and good faith review of the materials Staff seeks to reclassify. Accordingly, Dex Holdings supports Qwest's request for additional time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brooks E. Harlow", written in a cursive style.

Brooks E. Harlow

cc: All Parties of Record