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Re: Interconnection Agreement Negotiations between AT&T and TCG  
(AT&T) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest)

Dear Kathy and Laura:

AT&T received Qwest's further proposal regarding negotiation and arbitration schedule dated February 21, 2003. As Qwest's proposal completely changes the scheduling priorities outlined by AT&T in its electronic mail message dated February 11, 2003, AT&T must reject Qwest's proposal. Qwest's proposal is also inconsistent with the discussion between AT&T and Qwest on February 18, 2003.

The sequence of the first four states for arbitration should be as follows: Minnesota, Washington, Arizona and Colorado. As communicated by AT&T, the arbitration windows would open at thirty-day intervals. What AT&T indicated in our negotiation call held on Tuesday, February 18, 2003, is that the only adjustment to this schedule we would entertain is doing Arizona and Colorado at the same time in the timeframe identified for Arizona. While doing this would be acceptable to AT&T, our view is that the thirty-day interval should slip to forty-five days in order to do Arizona and Colorado at the same time.

In Qwest's letter dated February 21, 2003, Qwest requested a thirty-day extension of time for the Minnesota arbitration window. At this time, AT&T would prefer not to further extend the Minnesota schedule. However, we would like to revisit this question in about ten days to see how the negotiations have progressed. As a result, the schedule AT&T desires is the same schedule proposed in AT&T's February 11, 2003 message to Qwest. That schedule is reproduced below. As stated in AT&T's February 11, 2003,

message, if the Minnesota dates slip, AT&T expects the dates for all other states to slip by the same number of days:

MN – Negotiations start date October 15, 2002  
MN - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on February 27, 2003  
MN - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on March 24, 2003.

WA – Negotiations start date November 12, 2002  
WA - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on March 27, 2003  
WA - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on April 21, 2003

AZ – Negotiations start date December 16, 2002  
AZ - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on April 30, 2003  
AZ - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on May 25, 2003

CO – Negotiations start date January 13, 2003  
CO - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on May 28, 2003  
CO - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on June 22, 2003 (Sunday)

UT – Negotiations start date February 12, 2003  
UT - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on June 27, 2003  
UT - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on July 22, 2003

OR – Negotiations start date Marcy 14, 2003  
OR - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on July 27, 2003 (Sunday)  
OR - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on August 21, 2003

NE – Negotiations start date April 14, 2003  
NE - Arbitration window (135 days) opens on August 27, 2003  
NE - Arbitration window (160 days) closes on September 21, 2003 (Sunday)

AT&T remains willing to have the schedule for Arizona and Colorado be the same (with the arbitration window opening on May 15, 2003) and will agree to this change, if Qwest accepts the rest of the schedule proposed above. It is AT&T's preference to reach agreement with Qwest on the schedule for the states identified above, however, Qwest's responses to date have been so radically different from the schedule AT&T desires, that AT&T cannot accept what Qwest proposes. If Qwest does not accept the schedule outlined above, or otherwise reach agreement with AT&T on an appropriate schedule, the schedule outlined above remains the schedule AT&T intends to follow in proceeding to state commissions with its arbitration petitions, subject to change based on any changes to the Minnesota schedule.

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If for some reason, a state commission does not recognize the dates set forth above, this letter shall serve as AT&T's notice under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to commence negotiations for the states of Washington and Arizona. This includes all interconnection issues enumerated in Sections 251 and 252 of the Act.

Sincerely,