BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Petitioners,

v.

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ADVANCED TELECOM GROUP, INC., et al,

Respondents.

DOCKET NO. UT-033011

MOTION TO DISMISS
ALLEGATIONS RELATING
TO NOVEMBER 18, 1999,
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MCIWORLDCOM, INC., AND
QWEST

MOTION

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff (Staff) moves to dismiss allegations against MCI WorldCom, Inc., (MCI) and Qwest Corporation relating to the November 18, 1999, agreement listed on Exhibit A to the Amended Complaint (the agreement is identified as number 31 in Exhibit A to the Amended Complaint).

Staff has investigated the allegations relating to this agreement and has discovered that this agreement is not an Interconnection Agreement under section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. § 151 *et seq*) ("the Act"). This agreement is a one-time settlement of disputes under U S WEST's interstate tariff FCC No. 5. Billing account numbers and services covered by the settlement

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RELIEF REQUESTED

3 Staff respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss the allegations

against MCI and Qwest relating to the November 18, 1999, interconnection

agreement listed on Appendix A to the Amended Complaint. All remaining

allegations are unaffected by this motion.

DATED this 26th day of July, 2004.

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