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*Via E-Mail and Overnight Delivery*

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, 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-960323  
Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between  
Qwest Corporation and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with WAC 480-07-640, Qwest submits three copies of the following agreement for Commission approval: Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and MCI Worldcom Network Services, Inc. and its affiliates (which includes MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc.). This agreement implements terms and conditions for executive level meetings between the parties and business escalation procedures. Please note that the parties only executed one original agreement and only copies are available for filing with the Commission. Please also note that this agreement is not confidential and the confidential and proprietary footer was inadvertently included on the document.

To the extent this Agreement covers the resolution of disputes regarding Section 251 services, this document is being submitted for Commission approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e) and WAC 480-07-640 as an amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest and MCImetro Access Transmission Services. To the extent that this Agreement covers the resolution of disputes unrelated to Section 251 services or Qwest's obligations under the Telecom Act of 1996, this Agreement is being submitted for informational purposes only.

The enclosed agreement 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 agreement expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Adam L. Sherr

Enclosure

cc: Phylinda Dillard (without enclosure)

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. UT-960323

I hereby certify that I have this day served a cover letter without an 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.

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Dated at Seattle, Washington this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

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Elizabeth M. Weber