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March 14, 2005

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive 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-980396  
Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement  
between Qwest Corporation and Ernest Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Commission's ruling in Docket Nos. UT-960310 and UT-043084, Qwest requests approval of the enclosed QPP Master Services Agreement as an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and Ernest Communications, Inc. In requesting such approval of the Master Services Agreement, Qwest does not concede that the agreement is subject to approval under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and this request is without waiver of Qwest's rights to contest any filing requirement and approval or rejection under that section. Depending upon the nature of any future rulings by the FCC or a federal court on the issues relating to commercial agreements, Qwest reserves the right to withdraw its filing of the enclosed and to seek that the disposition of the request for approval be reversed or vacated.

Qwest has also enclosed a Request for Approval form, completed per the informal request of Commission Staff on May 12, 2004.

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 Amendment expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Maura E. Peterson

cc: Philynda Dillard (without enclosure)  
Scott Loney, Bullseye Telecom, Inc. (without enclosure)  
William H. Oberlin, CEO

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. UT-980396

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

Ernest Communications, Inc. Paul Masters, President 5275 Triangle Parkway, Suite 150 Norcross, GA 30092	
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Dated at Seattle, Washington this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2005.

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