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Judge Ann Rendahl Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: <u>Docket No. UT-093035</u>

Dear Judge Rendahl:

North County Communications Corporation ("NCC") writes to inform the Commission of the status of private negotiations while this action has been stayed and to request the action remain stayed. We are in regular communication with representatives of Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and have reached compromises on many issues. Qwest identified a major change between our existing Interconnection Agreement and the new agreement they wish to use regarding relative use factors just before the holiday break. This will require further negotiations to reach resolution. We are still confident that it is possible that we can amicably negotiate an interconnection agreement without recourse to the Commission for formal arbitration.

Therefore, we hereby request that the Commission continue the stay in this proceeding for thirty (30) days so that the parties may make a good faith effort to settle some of the remaining issues. We feel it would be a waste of the Commission's time and resources to begin a proceeding where the parties have made progress on reaching a settlement without recourse to the Commission.

Very truly yours,

DICKS & WORKMAN, APC

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have served the foregoing document this day upon all parties of record (listed below) in these proceedings by mailing a copy properly addressed with first class postage prepaid.

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Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010, in San Diego, California.

