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RE: Petition of Verizon Northwest, Inc. for Arbitration of an Amendment to Interconnection Agreements with Competitive Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers in Washington Pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, and the Triennial Review Order – Docket UT-043013.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

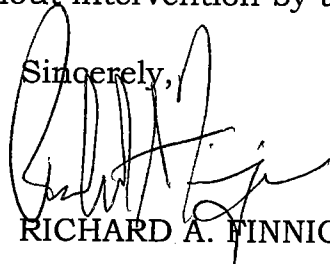
SBC Telecom, Inc. ("SBCT") is in receipt of the Petition for Arbitration of Verizon Northwest, Inc. (the "Petition") for a consolidated arbitration proceeding to amend the interconnection agreements between Verizon and the competitive local exchange carriers in Washington.

With this letter SBCT reserves all of its rights with respect to the amendments to its interconnection agreement proposed by Verizon and does not necessarily concur with, or agree to be bound by, the amendments proposed by Verizon. SBCT does not agree that the global assertions of fact contained in the Petition are accurate as to SBCT. SBCT also reserves the right to adopt any arrangements, terms or conditions made available to or obtained by any other party to this proceeding to the extent permissible and consistent

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with applicable law. However, SBCT will negotiate with Verizon in an attempt to resolve as many issues as possible without intervention by the Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Finnigan', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: Tim O'Connell
Steve Strickland