

October 26, 2005

Andrew Metcalf, President
Northwest Telephone, Inc.
250 E. Peny Road
Wenatchee, WA 98801

**Subject: Docket No. UT-013046, Late-filed Interconnection Agreement
 Amendment with Qwest Corporation**

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

On August 18, 2005, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a request for approval of an interconnection agreement amendment between Qwest and Northwest Telephone, Inc (Northwest) in Docket No. UT-013046. The amendment was a consent item at the Commission's open meeting on October 12, 2005.

Amendment Number 5 adds payment terms for certain disputed items. The purpose of this letter is to make note that Amendment Number 5 was filed 47 days late. The Commission reserves the right to investigate, and if appropriate, commence a separate proceeding to complain, enforce, and penalize Qwest for failure to meet the filing requirements of Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. WAC 480-07-640 (effective January 1, 2004) makes it clear that interconnection agreements are to be filed for approval within 30 days after the agreement is signed. A similar letter has been sent to Qwest Corporation.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please contact Deborah Reynolds by e-mail dreynold@wutc.wa.gov or telephone (360) 664-1255.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary