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December 23, 2003

Ms. Carole J. Washburn,
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
Chandler Plaza Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504

Subject: **INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. AND RCN TELECOM SERVICES INC.**

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three (3) copies of an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between the above referenced companies.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Gage".

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State Manager – Regulatory Affairs

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Enclosure

AMENDMENT NO. 1

to the

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

between

VERIZON NORTHWEST INC., F/K/A GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED

and

RCN TELECOM SERVICES INC., F/K/A RCN TELECOM SERVICES OF WASHINGTON, INC.

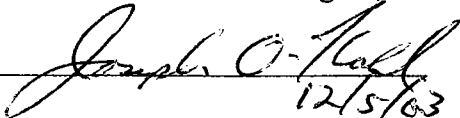
FOR WASHINGTON

This Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Verizon Northwest Inc., f/k/a GTE Northwest Incorporated ("Verizon") and RCN Telecom Services Inc., f/k/a RCN Telecom Services of Washington, Inc. ("RCN") is effective June 14, 2001.

1. Notwithstanding any possible contrary construction of this Agreement, Internet Traffic shall not be eligible for payment of Reciprocal Compensation under this Agreement. The Parties' rights and obligations with respect to any intercarrier compensation that may be due in connection with their exchange of Internet traffic shall be governed by the Order on Remand and Report and Order, *In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic*, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives.

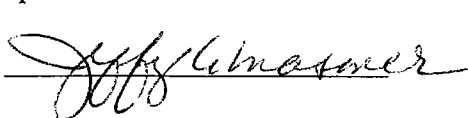
RCN Telecom Services Inc., f/k/a RCN Telecom Services of Washington, Inc.

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