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September 14, 2004

Richard A. Finnigan
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Dear Mr. Finnigan:

The Commission recently received several requests for approval of interconnection agreements (see attached Appendix A). The filings are currently scheduled for consideration at the Commission open meeting of September 22, 2004. These items will appear on the Consent Agenda.

The agreements are traffic exchange agreements, and have effective dates in the agreements as of "the date signed by both Parties." As you are aware, an interconnection agreement is not enforceable until approved by the Commission. In communications with you it has been unclear whether you believe the terms of these agreements are effective on the date of Commission approval or January 1, 2004, at the election of the carrier. Although Staff is not investigating the issue at this time, Staff urges the parties to proceed with caution.

The Commission's approval of the agreements on the Consent Agenda should not be viewed as declaration of Staff's position on the issue. Furthermore, Staff reserves the right to initiate an investigation in the future.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kristen Russell at (360) 664-1281.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary

Attachment



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Appendix A

Date Received by Commission	Docket No.	ILEC	Effective Date (signed)	CLLEC	Effective Date (signed)
August 10, 2004	UT-043075	Whidbey Telephone Company	May 25, 2004	Sprint Spectrum, LP	August 9, 2004
August 10, 2004	UT-043076	Hat Island Telephone Company	May 25, 2004	Sprint Spectrum, LP	August 9, 2004