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Via Facsimile and E-mail

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Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7254

Re: Docket No. UT-993007

Request for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between

Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

In accordance with the Interpretive and Policy Statement issued on June 28, 1996 in Docket No. UT-960269, please find enclosed three (3) faxed copies of the Interconnection Agreement Amendment between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications, Inc. The copy bearing original signatures will be forwarded next week. Qwest received permission from Administrative Law Judge Berg to file the enclosed by facsimile.

The enclosed Amendment does not discriminate against non-party carriers. It is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. It is also consistent with applicable state law requirements, including Commission orders regarding interconnection issues. Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously.

The Order on Arbitration Procedure also requests that a proposed order accompany the filing. Qwest requests a waiver of that requirement, and is not providing one with this filing, as the Commission has, in the past, used its own format for Orders. If this is not satisfactory to the Commission, please contact me and I will forward a proposed order immediately.

Sincerely,

Adam L. Sherr

ALS/llw Enclosures

cc: Mary Sullivan (without enclosure)

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