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Re: Interconnection Agreement Negotiations between AT&T and TCG (AT&T) and Owest Corporation (Owest) for Arizona and Washington

Dear Laura and Kathy:

This letter is to memorialize the agreement between AT&T and Qwest that Qwest received AT&T's request to negotiate an Interconnection Agreement for the states of Arizona and Washington pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on March 2, 2003, and, therefore, negotiations commenced on March 3, 2003. The window for arbitration will open on July 15, 2003 and will close on August 9, 2003. Accordingly, the current schedule prescribed by the request for negotiation is as follows:

- AZ Negotiations start date March 3, 2003
- AZ Arbitration window (135 days) opens on July 15, 2003
- AZ Arbitration window (160 days) closes on August 9, 2003
- WA Negotiations start date March 3, 2003
- WA Arbitration window (135 days) opens on July 15, 2003
- WA Arbitration window (160 days) closes on August 9, 2003

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AT&T anticipates that AT&T and Qwest may have further discussions regarding the disputed issues during the course of the arbitration.

Sincerely,

Mitchell H. Menezes