

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (“McLeod”) and Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) (collectively, the “Parties”) are signatories to an Interconnection Agreement in the State of Washington. That Interconnection Agreement has been amended by the Parties from time to time, including an Amendment approved on or about January 31, 2001. The Parties agree to amend that Amendment as follows:

In the body of the Amendment, add the following at the end of Section 1.11:

“In accordance with Section 1.10, Qwest hereby gives advance written notice of the termination of this Amendment, effective December 31, 2003. The parties agree to meet to discuss McLeodUSA's (as defined in this Agreement, as amended) conversion plans no later than July 1, 2003.

In the event that McLeodUSA does not, by December 31, 2003, convert some or all of its services, as described in this Section 1.11, the prices set forth in Attachment 3.2 of the Interconnection Agreement Amendment Terms, dated October 26, 2000, (“Prior Amendment”) and not the prices set forth on Attachment 3.2 hereto, shall apply to all such services that McLeodUSA has failed to so convert. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as agreement or assent on the part of Qwest to provide to McLeodUSA, or any other party, subsequent to December 31, 2003, the services known as “UNE-M” described in and made available pursuant to the Prior Amendment; provided, such services shall continue to be provided to McLeodUSA during a commercially reasonable conversion period.”

In Attachment 3.2, under the heading “Prices for Offering”, replace the “Platform recurring” rates column with the following:

Platform recurring rates,
effective on September 20, 2002 and ending December 31, 2003:

AZ	\$ 20.61
CO	27.05
IA	22.47
ID	26.25
MN	24.50
MT	31.85
ND	22.54
NE	22.06
NM	26.86
OR	26.90
SD	28.45
UT	21.86
WA	21.16
WY	32.29

Apart from the foregoing, all other terms and conditions of the IA, as amended, including without limitation, the term thereof, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications
Services, Inc.**

Qwest Corporation

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

Name Printed/Typed

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