

May 19, 2003

Carole Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
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Dear Ms. Washburn:

This letter is to inform you that on May 16, 2003, Qwest sent out notification pursuant to Section 5.7 of the SGAT and Section 13.3 of the QPAP. The notice went to all CLECs with Interconnection Agreements with Qwest and stated:

On Wednesday morning, May 14, 2003, Qwest experienced an electrical fire at its 555 17th Street facility, which impacted access to its systems. Qwest anticipates that the effect of this event may continue over the next several days as Qwest engages in recovery activity. Qwest is assessing the issue fully to determine the impacts to its ability to process orders and perform repair functions.

Pursuant to SGAT §5.7, and QPAP § 13.3, Qwest is providing notification of this Force Majeure event to the extent any delay or failure in performance was caused by these circumstances.

Qwest is in the process of investigating this occurrence to determine the impact.

A paper copy of this letter will be delivered on May 19, 2003.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds