

March 24, 2005

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Qwest Communications
Director-Interconnection Compliance
1801 California Street, Suite 2410
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Notice of Informal Dispute Resolution - WA

Dear Director-Interconnection Compliance:

Pursuant to Section 26 of the Interconnection Agreement (“ICA”) for the State of Washington between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (“McLeodUSA”) and Qwest Communications (“Qwest”), McLeodUSA notifies Qwest that it is invoking the informal dispute resolution process regarding the recent demand by Qwest for a security deposit.

Pursuant to the McLeodUSA letter dated March 22, 2005 and addressed to Steve Hansen, Vice-President – Carrier Relations, which states our position disputing the Qwest demand for a security deposit, McLeodUSA designates Joseph Ceryanec, Group Vice President, Controller and Treasurer, as the McLeodUSA representative authorized to resolve the Dispute. Joseph Ceryanec can be reached at 319-790-7399. McLeodUSA requests that Qwest designate its representative as required by the ICA.

In light of the Qwest threat to suspend service or disconnect our order activity if a security deposit is not received by 5 pm Mountain Standard Time on April 1, 2005, McLeodUSA demands a response to this informal dispute notice no later than 2 pm Central Standard Time on March 28, 2005. McLeodUSA reserves all rights and remedies available to it under law or equity.

Sincerely,

William H. Courter
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Steve Hansen (notice VIA EMAIL)
Qwest General Counsel, Interconnection
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