



November 9, 2005

Dear Secondary Transport Contract Customer:

Your current Private Line and FX Services are jointly provided by two telephone companies—Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and an Independent Telephone Company (ITC). Today you receive only one bill for these services from Qwest, where Qwest bills for the entire service, based on Qwest's private line rates. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the "designated carrier" for private line services with some Independent Telephone Companies in Washington.

This letter is to inform you that Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services jointly provided with the following ITCs: Hood Canal Communications, Inland Telephone Company, Kalama Telephone Company, Mashell Telecom, Inc., Pioneer Telephone Company, St. John Telephone Company, Tenino Telephone Company, The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company and Whidbey Telephone Company. Qwest believes that a designated carrier is not appropriate in today's competitive environment. Qwest's Petitions will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 30, 2005.

If Qwest's Petitions are granted by the WUTC, Qwest will no longer be obligated by the WUTC to bill for the entire service that is jointly provided by Qwest and the ITCs named in the Petition. However, Qwest will maintain the current billing arrangement for those circuits provided under the Secondary Transport Contract. Therefore, your billing will not change through the expiration of the contract—June 30, 2007. After June 30, 2007, if the WUTC has approved Qwest's Petition, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest's portion of your private line service and the ITC's will each bill you their rates for their portions of your private line service (also known as "Special Access" service).

This filing will not affect your services or billing at this time. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, please call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest looks forward to continuing to serve you in the future and is pleased to be your private line / Special Access telecommunications providers. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, email the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Sincerely,

Qwest



November 9, 2005

Dear Private Line Customer:

Your current Private Line Services are jointly provided by two telephone companies—Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Tenino Telephone Company ("Tenino"). Today you receive only one bill for these services from Qwest, where Qwest bills for the entire service, based on Qwest's private line rates. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the "designated carrier" for private line services with some Independent Telephone Companies in Washington.

This letter is to inform you that Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("WUTC") to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services in portions of Washington. Qwest believes that a designated carrier is not appropriate in today's competitive environment. Qwest's Petition will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 30, 2005.

If Qwest's Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest's portion of your private line service and Tenino will bill you its rates for Tenino's portion of your private line service (also known as "Special Access" service). Qwest's rates will remain unchanged from the current level for their portion of the private line, and Tenino's rates will be from the Special Access portion of its Tariff W.D.P.U. No. 1, which is in the process of being modified to accommodate this transition. Qwest's Washington intrastate private line rates are available for viewing at: [http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc\\_wa\\_pl\\_t.html](http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.html), and a summary of Tenino's planned intrastate Special Access rates is presented on the rate sheet that accompanies this notice.

If Qwest's Petition is granted by the WUTC on November 30, 2005, Qwest and Tenino will begin billing you as outlined above effective December 15, 2005. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for this service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 and a Tenino representative at 1 800-654-9746. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest and Tenino look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and are pleased to be your private line / Special Access telecommunications providers. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, e-mail the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely,

Qwest and Tenino Telephone Company

<b>Tenino Telephone Company</b>			
<b>Washington Intrastate Special Access Rate Sheet</b>			
<b>Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected Rate Elements</b>			
<b>Special Access Rate Element</b>	<b>Current Tariff Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Rate Difference</b>
<b>Metallic</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$36.38	\$22.11	(\$14.27)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$45.63	\$2.22	(\$43.41)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$0.00	\$23.52	\$23.52
<b>Voice Grade</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)			
-2 Wire	\$62.22	\$37.14	(\$25.08)
-4 Wire	\$89.59	\$59.43	(\$30.16)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$3.65	\$2.65	(\$1.00)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$36.80	\$26.58	(\$10.22)
Signalling Capability (per termination)	\$14.42	\$11.11	(\$3.31)
<b>Digital Data (2.4, 4.8 &amp; 9.6 Kbps)</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$173.41	\$66.54	(\$104.87)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$3.65	\$2.51	(\$1.14)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$36.80	\$25.26	(\$11.54)



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Dear Foreign Exchange Service Customer:

Your current Foreign Exchange Service is jointly provided by two telephone companies—Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and Whidbey Telephone Company, *dba* Whidbey Telecom, (“Whidbey Telecom”). Today you receive two bills for this service – one from Qwest, where Qwest bills for the entire interexchange circuit transport used to provide the service and where that billing is based on Qwest’s private line rates, and one from Whidbey Telecom, for all other service elements comprising the Foreign Exchange Service. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the “designated carrier” for private line services with some Independent telephone companies in Washington, including the interexchange circuit transport portion of Foreign Exchange Services between exchanges that are not contiguous (“non-contiguous FX Service”). Your current Foreign Exchange Service is classified as a non-contiguous FX Service.

This letter is to inform you that Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services (including non-contiguous FX Service) in portions of Washington. Qwest believes that a designated carrier is not appropriate in today’s competitive environment. Qwest’s Petition will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 30, 2005.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest’s portion of your non-contiguous FX Service and Whidbey Telecom will bill you its rates for Whidbey Telecom’s portion of your non-contiguous FX Service. Qwest’s rates will remain unchanged from the current level for its portion of the interexchange circuit transport, and Whidbey Telecom’s rates will include new charges for the portion of the Foreign Exchange Service furnished by it. Subject to the any tariff changes that may be necessary becoming effective, these latter charges will be from the Schedule 11 (“Foreign Exchange Service”) of its Tariff WN U-5, which is in the process of being modified to accommodate this transition. Qwest’s Washington intrastate private line rates are available for viewing at: [http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc\\_wa\\_pl\\_t.txt](http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.txt), and a summary of Whidbey Telecom’s planned Foreign Exchange Service rates is presented on the rate sheet that accompanies this notice.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC on November 30, 2005, Qwest and Whidbey Telecom will begin billing you as outlined above effective December 15, 2005. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for this service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 and/or a Whidbey Telecom representative at 1 866-548-7760. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest and Whidbey Telecom look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and are pleased to be your Foreign Exchange Service telecommunications providers. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission’s mailing list for notification of the Commission’s decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, e-mail the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely,

Qwest and Whidbey Telecom

**Whidbey Telephone Company**

**Foreign Exchange Service Rate Sheet - Non-Contiguous Exchanges**

**Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected End User Rate Elements (see Note A)**

<b>Foreign Exchange Service Rate Element</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Rate Difference</b>
<b>Closed End</b>			
Voice Grade Channel Termination (per termination)			
- 2-Wire	Note B	\$37.14	Note B
- 4-Wire	Note B	\$59.43	Note B
FX Function -PBX Trunk Service - Business	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$0.00
FX Function - Key Telephone System Line Service			
- Business	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$0.00
- Residence	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$0.00
FX Function - Individual Line Service			
- Business	\$11.90	\$11.90	\$0.00
- Residence	\$6.40	\$6.40	\$0.00
Interexchange Mileage, per mile (Note C)	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
<b>Open End</b>			
Exchange Service			
- Trunk Line - Business	\$48.40	\$48.40	\$0.00
- Individual Line -Business	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$0.00
- Individual Line - Residence	\$9.40	\$9.40	\$0.00
FX Function -PBX Trunk Service - Business	Note D	\$17.40	Note D
FX Function - Key Telephone System Line Service			
- Business	Note D	\$17.40	Note D
- Residence	Note D	\$17.40	Note D
FX Function - Individual Line Service			
- Business	Note D	\$11.90	Note D
- Residence	Note D	\$6.40	Note D
Interexchange Mileage, per mile (Note C)	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
<p>Note A: The rates set forth in this Rate Sheet are for Whidbey Telephone Company only. The rates of other telecommunications companies involved in providing the Foreign Exchange Service will also apply.</p> <p>Note B: This Rate Element was previously billed by Whidbey Telephone Company to Qwest, but will become the responsibility of the end user customer.</p> <p>Note C: The proposed rate will apply to Whidbey Telephone Company's portion of the mileage between the serving wire center in the local exchange and the serving wire center in the foreign exchange.</p> <p>Note D: The proposed rate will apply in lieu of other charges that previously were billed by Whidbey Telephone Company to Qwest.</p>			



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Dear Private Line Customer:

Your current Private Line Services are jointly provided by two telephone companies—Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and Whidbey Telephone Company, *dba* Whidbey Telecom (“Whidbey Telecom”). Today you receive only one bill for these services from Qwest, where Qwest bills for the entire service, based on Qwest’s private line rates. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the “designated carrier” for private line services with some Independent Telephone Companies in Washington.

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If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest’s portion of your private line service and Whidbey Telecom will bill you its rates for Whidbey Telecom’s portion of your private line service (also known as “Special Access” service). Qwest’s rates will remain unchanged from the current level for their portion of the private line, and Whidbey Telecom’s rates will be from the Special Access portion of its Tariff WN U-5, which is in the process of being modified to accommodate this transition. Qwest’s Washington intrastate private line rates are available for viewing at: [http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc\\_wa\\_pl\\_t.htm](http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.htm), and a summary of Whidbey Telecom’s planned intrastate Special Access rates is presented on the rate sheet that accompanies this notice.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC on November 30, 2005, Qwest and Whidbey Telecom will begin billing you as outlined above effective December 15, 2005. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for this service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 and a Whidbey Telecom representative at 1 866-548-7760. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest and Whidbey Telecom look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and are pleased to be your private line / Special Access telecommunications providers. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission’s mailing list for notification of the Commission’s decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, e-mail the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely,

Qwest and Whidbey Telecom

<b>Whidbey Telephone Company</b>			
<b>Washington Intrastate Special Access Rate Sheet</b>			
<b>Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected Rate Elements</b>			
<b>Special Access Rate Element</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Rate Difference</b>
<b>Voice Grade</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)			
-2 Wire	\$32.07	\$37.14	\$5.07
-4 Wire	\$46.18	\$59.43	\$13.25
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$1.88	\$2.65	\$0.77
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$18.97	\$26.58	\$7.61
<b>Digital Data (56.0 Kbps)</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$89.38	\$68.54	(\$20.84)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$3.76	\$3.56	(\$0.20)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$37.94	\$35.79	(\$2.15)
<b>High Capacity (1.544 Mbps)</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$416.73	\$159.05	(\$257.68)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$27.19	\$17.22	(\$9.97)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$83.66	\$84.89	\$1.23



November 9, 2005

Dear Foreign Exchange Service Customer:

Your current Foreign Exchange Service is jointly provided by Verizon Northwest ("Verizon") and Whidbey Telephone Company, *dba* Whidbey Telecom, ("Whidbey Telecom"). Today you receive three bills for this service – one from Verizon, one from Whidbey Telecom, and one from Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"). Verizon bills for the portion of the service furnished by it, while Whidbey Telecom bills for the portion of the service it provides, other than its portion of the interexchange circuit transport. Whidbey Telecom's portion of the interexchange circuit transport is billed by Qwest based on Qwest's private line rates. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the "designated carrier" for private line services with some Independent Telephone Companies in Washington, including the interexchange circuit transport portion of Foreign Exchange Services between exchanges that are not contiguous ("non-contiguous FX Service"). Your current Foreign Exchange Service is classified as a non-contiguous FX Service.

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If Qwest's Petition is granted by the WUTC, Verizon will continue to bill you its rates for Verizon's portion of your non-contiguous FX Service, and Whidbey Telecom will bill you its rates for Whidbey Telecom's portion of your non-contiguous FX Service. Qwest will no longer render a bill to you for your non-contiguous FX Service. Whidbey Telecom's rates will include charges for the portion of the Foreign Exchange Service furnished by it. Subject to any tariff changes that may be necessary becoming effective, these latter charges will be from the Schedule 11 ("Foreign Exchange Service") of Whidbey Telecom's Tariff WN U-5, which is in the process of being modified to accommodate this transition. A summary of Whidbey Telecom's planned Foreign Exchange Service rates is presented on the rate sheet that accompanies this notice.

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Whidbey Telecom looks forward to continuing to serve you in the future and is pleased to participate in providing your Foreign Exchange Service. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-552-6150, e-mail the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Sincerely,  
Qwest, Verizon Northwest, and Whidbey Telecom



**Whidbey Telephone Company**  
**Foreign Exchange Service Rate Sheet - Non-Contiguous Exchanges**  
**Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected End User Rate Elements (see Note A)**

<b>Foreign Exchange Service Rate Element</b>	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>Rate Difference</b>
<b>Closed End</b>			
Voice Grade Channel Termination (per termination)			
- 2-Wire	Note B	\$37.14	Note B
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FX Function -PBX Trunk Service - Business	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$0.00
FX Function - Key Telephone System Line Service			
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- Residence	\$6.40	\$6.40	\$0.00
Interexchange Mileage, per mile (Note C)	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00
<b>Open End</b>			
Exchange Service			
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Note B: This Rate Element was previously billed by Whidbey Telephone Company to Qwest, but will become the responsibility of the end user customer.

Note C: The proposed rate will apply to Whidbey Telephone Company's portion of the mileage between the serving wire center in the local exchange and the serving wire center in the foreign exchange.

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**Washington Intrastate Special Access Rate Sheet**

**Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected Rate Elements**

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Channel Termination (per termination)			
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<b>High Capacity (1.544 Mbps)</b>			
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If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC on November 30, 2005, Qwest and Wahkiakum will begin billing you as outlined above effective January 1, 2006. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for this service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 and a Wahkiakum representative at 1 800-797-4327. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

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-4 Wire	\$59.65	\$59.43	(\$0.22)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$1.88	\$2.65	\$0.77
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$167.00	\$26.58	(\$140.42)
<b>Digital Data (56.0 Kbps)</b>			
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$297.74	\$68.54	(\$229.20)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$1.88	\$3.56	\$1.68
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$167.00	\$35.79	(\$131.21)
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Channel Termination (per termination)	\$416.73	\$159.05	(\$257.68)
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)	\$27.19	\$17.22	(\$9.97)
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)	\$83.66	\$84.89	\$1.23