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*Via E-mail and
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Mr. David Danner, Executive Director
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-091550
Qwest Corporation's Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-120-021 and
WAC 480-120-166 with Regard to the Definition of "Business Day"

Dear Mr. Danner:

Qwest has reviewed the Staff Memorandum in connection with Qwest's request for waiver in this docket, and Qwest has had additional discussions with Staff on this subject.

Qwest works very hard to comply with the rules, and recognizes that it has not missed the 5:00 p.m. deadline very often. Nevertheless, Qwest may occasionally be unable to respond before 5:00 p.m. on the due date, but could respond on that same day after 5:00 p.m.

In light of the discussion in Staff's Memorandum, and particularly the comment that "[i]t seems reasonable that Qwest staff request extensions as needed, rather than request an exemption from the rules", Qwest is willing to withdraw its petition without prejudice and work on the issue on a case by case basis. Should this approach not resolve the issue, Qwest may refile its petition.

Therefore, Qwest respectfully requests that its petition be withdrawn at this time, and the matter removed from the open meeting agenda for January 28, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Anderl".

Lisa A. Anderl

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cc: All parties of record (via e-mail and U.S. Mail)