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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-063038

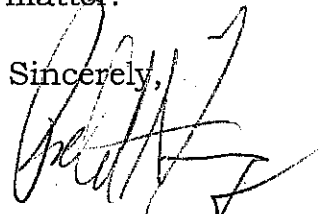
Dear Ms. Washburn:

At the prehearing conference in this matter, it was disclosed that Mr. Williamson of Commission Staff will be advising Judge Rendahl on technical issues in Docket No. UT-063006, arbitration proceedings between Level 3 and Qwest. It was also disclosed that Mr. Williamson is likely to appear as staff witness in this proceeding.

At the prehearing conference, the undersigned, on behalf of the Washington Independent Telephone Association, waived any objections to possible ex parte communications resulting from Mr. Williamson's roles in the two proceedings. This letter will confirm that waiver.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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cc: ALJ Rendahl (hand delivery)  
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