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May 23, 2011

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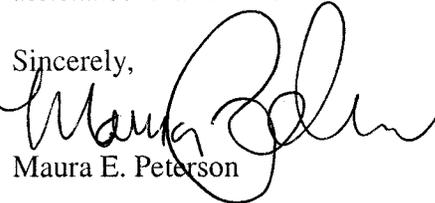
Re: Case No. QWE-T-00-13  
Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing with this Commission on behalf of Qwest Corporation is an original and three (3) copies of the Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. Qwest respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Commission Decision Meeting Agenda for expedited approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the enclosed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Maura E. Peterson

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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF QWEST  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(e)**

**CASE NO.: QWE-T-00-13**

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby files this Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement ("Amendment") which was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on June 10, 2002 (the "Agreement"). The Amendment with Eschelon Telecom, Inc. ("Eschelon") is submitted herewith.

This Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an amendment reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the amendment (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this agreement; or the implementation of such an amendment (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Qwest respectfully submits this Amendment provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously. This Amendment is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expeditious approval of this Amendment will enable Eschelon to

interconnect with Qwest facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

Qwest further requests that the Commission approve this Amendment without a hearing. Because this Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.

Qwest Corporation

*Maura J. Anderson*

Lisa A. Anderl  
Attorney for Qwest

*Paralegal  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_ day of May, 2011, I served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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Leslie Johnson, Qwest Corporation

**AMENDMENT TO  
QWEST LOCAL SERVICES PLATFORM™ AGREEMENT**

This amendment ("Amendment"), by and between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Eschelon Telecom, Inc. on behalf of its affiliates ("CLEC") (each identified for purposes of this Agreement in the signature blocks below, and referred to separately as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties") amends the Qwest Local Services Platform™ ("QLSP™") Agreement between the Parties.

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into a Qwest Local Services Platform™ ("QLSP™") Agreement ("Agreement") with an Effective Date of January 4, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement under the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

**Amendment Terms**

The Agreement is hereby amended by modifying the following terms and conditions of Attachment 2 and Exhibit A.

1. The last sentence of Sections 1.5.2, 3.8.3 and 3.8.5 of Attachment 2 to the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

"The Parties understand and agree that the Services include tandem switching, where required, as well as end office switching and that CLEC has the right to charge switched access to IXCs for each element, as appropriate."

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, the rate sheet(s) attached hereto as Exhibit A shall apply to port rates for Services provided in the applicable state(s) identified therein. Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, all other rates reflected in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The last sentence of Section 3.4.1 of Attachment 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety.

For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement by which port rates could be increased, other than as amended hereby, port rates shall remain unchanged throughout the term of the Agreement (as such term is identified in Section 3 of the Agreement), except that the Parties understand and agree that the terms and conditions of the Agreement regarding the annual variable discount structure associated with CLEC growth and retention thresholds shall continue to apply throughout the term of the Agreement.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon signature by both Parties.

**Further Amendments**

Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain unmodified and shall be in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both of the Parties hereto. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

**Entire Agreement**

The Agreement as amended (including by the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter of the Agreement, as amended, and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter of the Agreement, as amended.

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**Qwest Local Services Platform™ (QLSP™) Rate Page - Minnesota  
Modified Local Switching Port Rate**

	USOC	Recurring	Non-Recurring	Notes
<b>109.11 Local Switching Purchased As Part of QLSP™</b>				
<b>109.11.1 Ports, Basic Plan</b>				
109.11.1.1 Analog Port		\$10.75		
109.11.1.2 Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$4.03)		1
109.11.1.3 Effective QLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$6.72		1
109.11.1.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$16.99		
109.11.1.5 PBX DID Port		\$10.58		
<b>109.11.2 Ports, If 80% YOY Volume Retention Plan Requirements Are Met</b>				
109.11.2.1 Analog Port		\$10.21		
109.11.2.2 Analog Port, Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$3.56)		
109.11.2.3 Effective QLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$6.65		
109.11.2.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$16.99		
109.11.2.5 PBX DID Port		\$10.58		
<b>109.11.3 Ports, If 90% YOY Volume Retention Plan Requirements Are Met</b>				
109.11.3.1 Analog Port		\$9.68		
109.11.3.2 Analog Port, Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$3.09)		1
109.11.3.3 Effective QLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$6.59		1
109.11.3.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$16.99		
109.11.3.5 PBX DID Port		\$10.58		
<b>109.11.4 Intentionally Blank</b>				
<b>109.11.5 Ports, If 115% YOY Volume Growth Plan Requirements Are Met</b>				
109.11.5.1 Analog Port		\$7.53		
109.11.5.2 Analog Port, Residential end user credit	LAWUR	(\$1.21)		1
109.11.5.3 Effective QLSP™ Residential Analog Port		\$6.32		1
109.11.5.4 Digital Port (Supporting BRI ISDN)		\$16.99		
109.11.5.5 PBX DID Port		\$10.58		
<b>109.11.6 Intentionally Blank</b>				

**Notes:**

- 1 QLSP™ Business and Residential services utilize the same Class of Service and line Universal Service Order codes (USOCs). QLSP™ Residential services will be billed at the Analog Port rate and only those lines that specifically qualify for and are identified as serving a residential end-user customer by the presence of the LAWUR USOC will receive the Residential end user credit.