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April 13, 2004

Jean Jewell
Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

**RE: QWEST TECH III FIRST QUARTER 2004 REQUEST FOR
REIMBURSEMENT PER ORDER 29197 IN CASE NO. QWE-T-03-4**

Dear Jean,

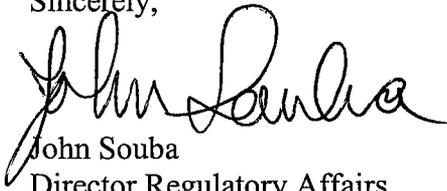
Attached are an original and three copies of Qwest's filing for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the first quarter 2004 associated with the Tech III project. Qwest, at this time, is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$461,379 which is 50% of the total reconciled expenditures completed through March, 2004. To validate this level of completed work the Company is providing the following Confidential and Proprietary documents which are provided for Staff review only and are not to be made available for public review.

1. Attachment A: Excel Spreadsheet: Idaho Revenue Sharing Summary 03-04. This spreadsheet shows the individual job number and the dollar amounts spent, by category, by month, for all first quarter work along with the amounts LTS (left to spend). The Q1 actual column totaled on the second page shows the amount requested for reimbursement.
2. Attachment B: Individual Job "Common Funding Document" CFD's which provide detail as to the specific scope of work and the original estimates for each job previously approved by the Staff for inclusion in Tech III. Every job found on Attachment A has a corresponding CFD included on Attachment B.

Based upon these supporting documents the Company requests a reimbursement check in the amount of \$461,379 for the first quarter 2004 from the Fund Administrator following Staff review.

I look forward to working with the Commission Staff in their review of this submission and in answering any follow up questions that may arise. Doug Cooley is the IPUC Staff contact in this ongoing telecommunications infrastructure improvement project. I can be reached on 208-385-8666.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Souba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Souba" clearly distinguishable.

John Souba
Director Regulatory Affairs

Att.

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