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Jean Jewell
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RE: QWEST TECH III THIRD 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 third quarter 2004 associated with the Tech III project. Qwest, at this time, is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$415,888 which is 50% of the total reconciled expenditures completed through September, 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 Tech III Projects 3rd Quarter 2004. This spreadsheet shows the individual job number and the dollar amounts spent, by category, by month, for all third quarter work.
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 \$415,888 for the third 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 cursive script that reads 'John Souba'.

John Souba
Director Regulatory Affairs
Att.

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