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RE: CPCN update for WestCom LLC dba WestTelFiber (fka Digital Easy Chair)

Dear Ms. Jewell;

Pursuant to my conversation with Wayne Hart on August 5, 2005, the purpose of this letter is to update the Commission to changes in the way WestCom LLC dba WestTelFiber (fka Digital Easy Chair) is providing local exchange service to subscribers in Southern Idaho.

WestCom's application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was approved in Order No. 29084 on July 30, 2002 for the provision of "facilities-based local exchange services, intra-exchange private lines, frame relay services, and ISDN services to subdivision residents over a fiber optic network...throughout Qwest's southern Idaho service area". WestCom adopted Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) approved in Order No. 29186 on January 29, 2003.

WestCom did not interconnect with Qwest; instead they purchased retail Primary Rate Service (PRS) from other local exchange providers as a means to interconnect their customers to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN), terminating the PRS on their iPBX switch and delivering services to their customers over their own fiber optic loops.

In the second quarter of 2005, WestCom began a migration away from using PRS and their own switch as their method of interconnecting with the PSTN to interconnect with a wholesale Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider who provides the interconnection to the PSTN and the VoIP service itself thereby eliminating the need for WestCom to use a switch. Although WestCom is currently reselling another providers' VoIP service, they could redeploy a switch again at a later date. The migration of customers off of the iPBX is seamless due to the benefits of local number portability and near real time provisioning of VoIP service. In addition,

customers continue to be served by WestCom's fiber optic cable as the local loop and no equipment change outs are necessary. The process is going very smoothly. The migration of customers from WestCom's iPBX and the PRS should be completed by the end of the year.

WestCom has always provided its customers with access to E911 Emergency Services and continues to do so. WestCom is in compliance with the FCC's recent Order in WC Docket No. 05-196 *E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers* and has filed their "Subscription Notification Report" August 10, 2005 with the Federal Communications Commission as required.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the information contained in this letter. If you have any questions on the process that is taking place for WestCom's customers, please contact:

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