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DESCRIPTION

PU-2746-03-24
VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application 03
Filed 1/10/2003 **Closed 3/13/2003**



Public Service Commission
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5325

Received: 3/26/2003 Check# 2253515 for \$67.39
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-2746-03-24

Qwest
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Denver CO 80221

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Receipt# 5,325 \$67.39

by Qwest

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by Val-Ed Joint Venture LLP dba 702 Communications

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Order

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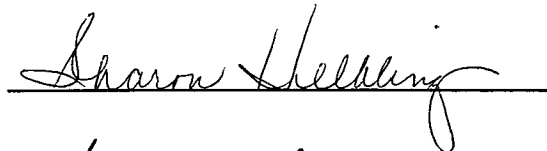
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My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

MOTION

March 12, 2003

APPROVED

DATE: 3-12-03
KMF

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I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

JRL/sdh

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ORDER

March 12, 2003

On December 26, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P. of Overland Park, Kansas, Case No. PU-2271-02-666. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for CLEC-To-CLEC Cross Connections and Early Access.

On January 9, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc. of Westborough MA, f/k/a Mobile Communications Corporation of America, Case No. PU-2820-03-21. This amendment changes the term of the original agreement and sets forth rates, terms and conditions for Single Point of Presence in the LATA.

On January 10, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P. of Perham, MN, Case No.

PU-2746-03-24. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory.

On January 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with VP Telecom, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD, Case No. PU-2725-03-25. This agreement adopts Qwest's Sixth Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT).

Also on January 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with New Access Communications, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN. Case No. PU-2445-03-26. This amendment adds Qwest's performance assurance plan and performance indicator definitions to the original agreement.

On January 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Joseph B. McNeal d/b/a Page Data of Boise ID, Case No. PU-2822-03-63. This agreement adopts a previously approved Paging Connection Agreement and any associated amendments between Qwest and Arch Paging, Inc. and Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc. f/k/a Mobile Communications Corporation of America.

These agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253.

On January 29, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until March 4, 2003. No comments have been received.

The Commission has reviewed the agreements and does not find them discriminatory against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreements. The Commission finds that implementation of the agreements is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

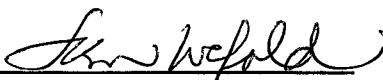


Order

The Commission orders:

1. The captioned interconnection agreements are APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreements at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreements must be filed promptly with the Commission.

4. The agreements must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

		
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Susan E. Wefald Commissioner	Tony Clark President	Leo M. Reinbold Commissioner

APPROVED

DATE: 3-12-03
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MOTION

March 12, 2003

VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P./
Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
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Case No. PU-2746-03-24

I move the Commission bill VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2746-03-24, VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



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State of North Dakota

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March 12, 2003

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RE: Case No. PU-2746-03-24
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the March 12, 2003 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2746-03-24.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the *Public Service Commission*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Geiger".

Gloria Geiger
Admin Staff Officer
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c: Scott Macintosh
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Billing Statement

March 12, 2003

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Application

Case No. PU-2746-03-24

Bill To:

VAL-ED Joint Venture, L.L.P.....	\$67.39
Qwest Corporation	\$67.39

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$134.78
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Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

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Federal Tax ID 45-0309764



North Dakota Newspaper Association

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INVOICE

Order **17194-03022PP0**

Invoice # **12306**

February 18, 2003

Attn: JONH. MIELKE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
600 E. BOULEVARD AVE.
STATE CAPITOL
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 Voice: 328-4076

Advertiser: **Public Service Commission**

P.O.#:

Amount Due **\$808.65**

Amount Paid

Please detach and return this portion with your payment

Public Service Commission Invoice # 17194-03022PP0-12306

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Devils Lake Daily Journal (Devils Lake ND)							
123.00	SPR2	0.63	77.49	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/05/03
Dickinson Press (Dickinson ND)							
139.00	SPR2	0.57	79.23	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/05/03
Fargo, The Forum (Fargo ND)							
109.00	SPR2	0.71	77.39	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/10/03
Grand Forks Herald (Grand Forks ND)							
120.00	SPR2	0.69	82.80	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/04/03
Jamestown Sun (Jamestown ND)							
146.00	SPR2	0.54	78.84	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/03/03
Minot Daily News (Minot ND)							
183.00	SPR2	0.54	98.82	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/03/03
Valley City Times-Record (Valley City ND)							
131.00	SPR3	0.61	79.91	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/03/03
Wahpeton Daily News (Wahpeton ND)							
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Williston Herald (Williston ND)							
126.00	SPR2	0.61	76.86	0.00	Sprint...Joseph B. McN		02/03/03

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Agency Discount		Tax	0.00	Adjustments	0.00
Other Discount	0.00	Total Billed	808.65	Payment Date	
Service Charge	0.00	Unbilled	0.00	Balance Due	808.65

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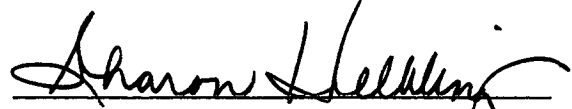
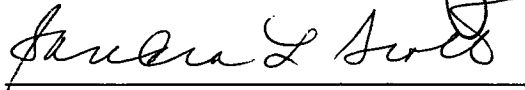
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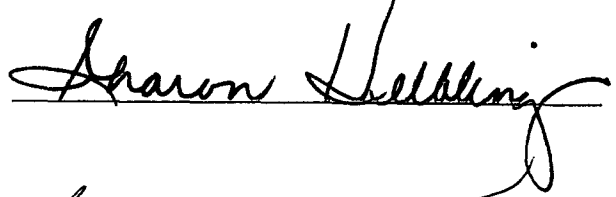
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From: Helbling, Sharon D.
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2003 7:50 AM
To: ndna (E-mail)
Subject: Attached Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

**Colleen Park
North Dakota Newspaper Association**

Dear Colleen:

Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments published as a legal publication, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well, in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers.

Please send the bill to the Public Service Commission, along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 328-4076.

Thank you.

**Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division**

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Interconnection Agreement
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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

January 29, 2003

On December 26, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P. of Overland Park, Kansas, Case No. PU-2271-02-666. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for CLEC-To-CLEC Cross Connections and Early Access.

On January 9, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc. of Westborough MA, f/k/a Mobile Communications Corporation of America, Case No. PU-2820-03-21. This amendment changes the term of the original agreement and sets forth rates, terms and conditions for Single Point of Presence in the LATA.

On January 10, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P. of Perham, MN, Case No. PU-2746-03-24. This amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory.

On January 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with VP Telecom, Inc. of Sioux Falls, SD, Case No. PU-2725-03-25. This agreement adopts Qwest's Sixth Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT).

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Also on January 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with New Access Communications, Inc. of Minneapolis, MN. Case No. PU-2445-03-26. This amendment adds Qwest's performance assurance plan and performance indicator definitions to the original agreement.

On January 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Joseph B. McNeal d/b/a Page Data of Boise ID, Case No. PU-2822-03-63. This agreement adopts a previously approved Paging Connection Agreement and any associated amendments between Qwest and Arch Paging, Inc. and Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc. f/k/a Mobile Communications Corporation of America.

These agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

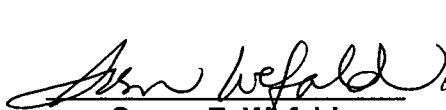
1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity

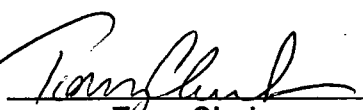
In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until March 4, 2003.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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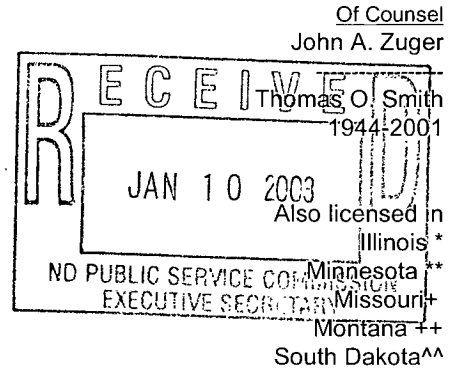

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Re: Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P.

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P. and Qwest Corporation. The document amends an Interconnection Agreement that was approved by the Commission on July 28, 1999 in Case No. PU-2104-99-259. The Amendment adds terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory. Contact information for Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P. should be directed to Mr. James Walter, President, Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P., 702 Main Avenue, Moorhead, MN 56560. The telephone number for Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P. is 218-347-3637.

Also enclosed is an extra copy of this letter. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

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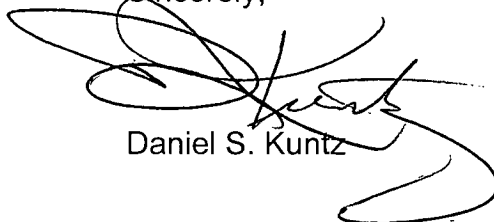
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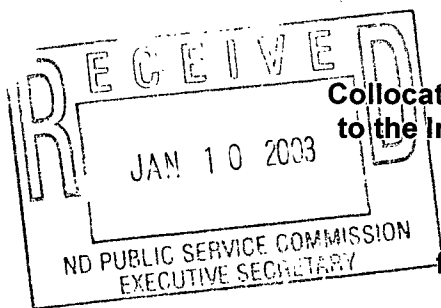
Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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**Collocation Available Inventory Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P.**

for the State of North Dakota

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") for Collocation Available Inventory to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Val-Ed Joint Venture, LLP ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the state of North Dakota which was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") on July 28, 1999, as referenced in Case No. PU-2104-99-259; and

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

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of 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 adding terms, conditions and rates for Collocation Available Inventory as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, CLEC must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. CLEC will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

Further Amendments; Waivers


The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Agreement may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. 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

This Agreement (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects of this Agreement 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 subjects of this Agreement.

Val-Ed Joint Venture, L.L.P.



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ATTACHMENT 1 Collocation Available Inventory

1.0 Description

1.1 Collocation Available Inventory provides the availability of returned collocation sites and elements, and are posted on the "Collocation Classifieds" web site. Available sites will be posted on the "Collocation Classified" web site: <http://www.qwest.com/cgi-bin/wholesale/collocation.cgi>. Qwest Available Inventory and CLEC Available Inventory are available. CLEC controlled sites are eligible for a Transfer of Responsibility.

1.2 Collocation sites available on the Qwest Available Inventory list may be totally or partially completed before being returned to Qwest inventory. Both caged and cageless sites will be offered on the inventory list. Sites will be offered "AS IS, WHERE IS." CLEC may request to modify or complete the reissued site to the CLEC's specifications. Additional elements or space (where available) may be ordered with the acquisition of the available site, however CLECs can not reduce any elements until the available site is accepted.

2.0 Terms and Conditions

2.1 The offering of a collocation site from the Qwest Available Inventory list shall be limited to the offering of a specified site in Qwest's control to CLEC that either: (i) has a commission-approved Interconnection Agreement covering the specific type of collocation to be obtained or (ii) is currently in negotiations with Qwest for such an Agreement. CLEC obtaining a Collocation site from the Qwest Available Inventory must not have any overdue financial obligations owed to Qwest pertaining to Collocation. Formally disputed charges will be treated as an exception.

2.2 All services that were previously connected to the collocation (e.g. Unbundled Network Elements, CLEC to CLEC, administrative lines, Finished Services, Line Splitting and Line Sharing, etc.) will be disconnected before the site is listed on the "Qwest Postings" section of the Collocation Classifieds.

2.3 Available sites listed in the "CLEC Postings" section of the Collocation Classifieds are eligible for Transfer to an assuming CLEC with or without working circuits as described in the Collocation Transfer of Responsibility Product offering.

3.0 Rate Elements

3.1 Pricing for sites listed within the Qwest Available Inventory list will be provided on a site-specific basis. Vacating CLEC's may receive a potential refund from sale of available/discounted sites based on outstanding Nonrecurring charges, amounts for reimbursable elements and transfer fees.

3.2 The following items are charged to a CLEC purchasing a site from the Qwest Available Inventory List. Charges will be provided to a CLEC via a quote that requires the CLEC's acceptance before work begins.

3.2.1 Quote Preparation Fee (QPF) Found in CLEC's existing Interconnection Agreement.

3.2.2 Reusable Elements are those Qwest inventoried components used to provision the collocation site. The quote will be for all components used to install the collocation space. These elements include Qwest inventoried components (i.e. cage, bays, HVAC, cable racking) to provision the original collocation site.

3.2.2.1 Nonrecurring Collocation Rate Elements that are reused, will be available at a 50% discount to an assuming CLEC.

3.2.3 Reimbursable Elements are those which are not subject to a discount to the assuming CLEC. This includes any reusable termination cabling that is part of the available site. Reimbursable Elements considered for a potential refund are, Digital Signal Level 0 (DS0) termination cabling, Level 1 (DS1) termination cabling, Level 3 (DS3) termination cabling, and fiber terminations (excluding entrance that run from vault directly to collocation site, i.e. Express Fiber Entrances).

3.2.4 Recurring charges for all Products and Services will be charged at rates listed in the assuming CLEC's Interconnection Agreement without a discount.

4.0 Ordering

4.1 CLEC must submit a "Qwest Collocation Application Form (new, change or augment)" on the Qwest web at: <http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/pcat/collocation.html>

4.2 The "submit" date for the Collocation Available Inventory request will commence on the date that the Wholesale Project Manager (WPM) notifies the Collocation Project Management Center (CPMC) that all prerequisites for this request to have been met.

4.3 Qwest will process the Available Inventory Request pursuant to the Collocation Intervals in the CLEC's Interconnection Agreement.

4.4 For purposes of first-come, first-served determination of availability, priority will be defined by the date and time the complete application is received by rfsmet@qwest.com.

4.5 CLECs should submit an alternative option when requesting an available site by populating the "Second Choice" and/or "Third Choice" tabs included on the Qwest Collocation Application Form. This will prevent the possible cancellation of the submitted application in the event that the first choice is no longer available.

Exhibit A

		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Notes
Refund to original CLEC				
Full pass through of charges collected from the assuming party, minus carrying charge retained by Qwest.			100%	
All charges collected from the assuming party will be retained by Qwest to recover amount unpaid.			50%	
Quote Preparation Fee			\$1,684.80	* & 12
Quote Preparation Fee - Augment			\$1,445.39	1

* Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are pursuant to the U S WEST and AT&T Interconnection Agreement approved by the North Dakota Public Utilities Commission in Docket Number PU-453-96-497, effective June 23, 1997.

[1] Rates not addressed in AT&T Arbitration. (TELRIC)

[12] The preliminary engineering and planning costs are included in the caged and cageless space construction charges. These engineering and planning charges are also included in the caged and cageless quote preparation fees. Upon completion of the collocation construction, the quote preparation fee (QPF) will be credited to the final space construction charge for the collocation job. The credit will apply to whichever QPF is applied. This exhibit currently lists multiple QPFs based on what has been proposed on the cost docket and what was approved in the AT&T interconnection agreement. CLEC may choose either QPF at this time.

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C. Signature

X *Lisa McCallum* Agent
 Addressee

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Don Kuntz 3-14-03

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes