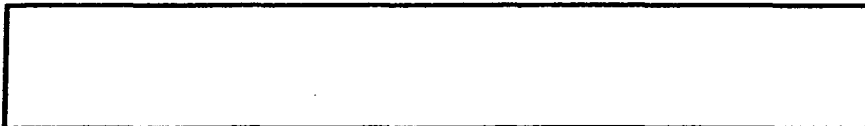




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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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SFN 2053 (4-2002)**



**PU-2630-03-177
U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation
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Application
Filed 4/7/2003 Closed 7/7/2003**

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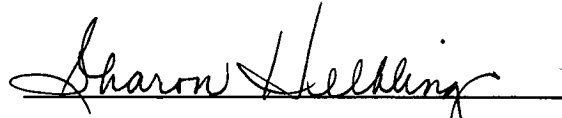
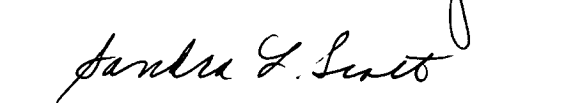
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Notary Public

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APPROVED

DATE: 7-2-03
KMF

MOTION

July 2, 2003

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Interconnection Agreement Amendment
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I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned interconnection agreements.

JRL/sdh

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ORDER

July 2, 2003

On April 2, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Midcontinent

Communications of Sioux Falls, SD, Case No. PU-2745-03-173. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for an expedited procurement process.

Also on April 2, 2003 McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) of Cedar Rapids, IA filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Midcontinent Communications Investor LLC, managing partner of Midcontinent Communications and McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2859-03-174. This agreement sets forth rates, responsibilities and types of traffic to be exchanged between the parties.

On April 7, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-177. This amendment reflects CC Docket 99-68, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic.

On April 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of a Type 2 Wireless interconnection agreement negotiated with Extend America, Inc., of Bismarck, ND, Case No. PU-2864-03-183. This agreement adopts a previously approved agreement between Qwest and Sprint Spectrum L.P.

On April 15, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-195. This amendment adds terms and conditions for Qwest's performance assurance plan.

On April 22, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-202. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for UNE Combinations.

On April 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-205. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory.

On April 25, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of a Type 2 Wireless interconnection agreement negotiated with Commnet Wireless, Inc. of Englewood, CO, Case No. PU-2867-03-212. This agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions for network interconnection, unbundled network elements and ancillary services.

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 May 7, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until June 11, 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

 _____ Susan E. Wefald Commissioner	 _____ Tony Clark President	 _____ Leo M. Reinbold Commissioner
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Received: 7/1/2003 Check# 2280286 for \$57.68
Subject: Utility Valuation

Docket # PU-2630-03-177

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07/01/2003

Pages: 1

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MOTION

DATE: 6-18-03
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June 18, 2003

U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-2630-03-177

I move the Commission bill U.S. Link, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2630-03-177, U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



Public Service Commission
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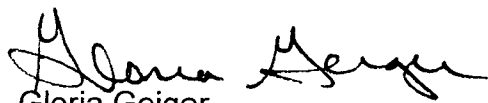
RE: Case No. PU-2630-03-177
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the June 18, 2003 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2630-03-177.

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,


Gloria Geiger
Admin Staff Officer
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Director - Interconnection Compliance
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Denver CO 80202

Billing Statement

June 18, 2003

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Bill To:

U.S. Link, Inc.....	\$57.68
Qwest Corporation	\$57.68

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$115.36
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INVOICE

Order **17550-03053PP0**

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May 21, 2003

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BISMARCK, ND 58505
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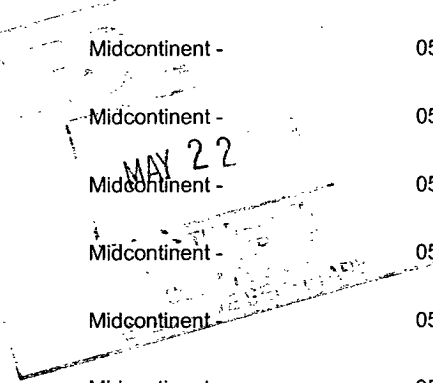
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Notary Public

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SANDRA L. SCOTT
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My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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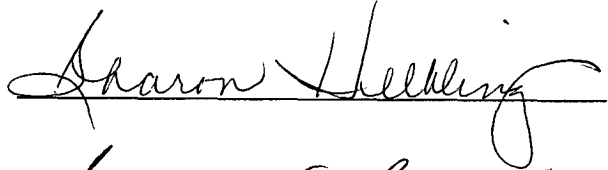
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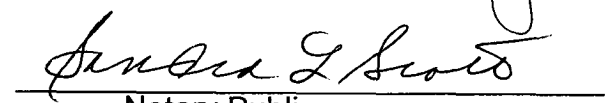
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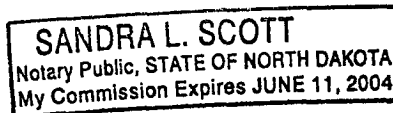
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**Colleen Park
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Colleen:

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

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 701-328-4076.

Thank you.

**Sharon Helbling
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MOTION

May 7, 2003

**Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2745-03-173

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Case No. PU-2057-03-202

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Case No. PU-2057-03-205

**Commnet Wireless Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-2867-03-212

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

May 7, 2003

On April 2, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Midcontinent

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Communications of Sioux Falls, SD, Case No. PU-2745-03-173. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for an expedited procurement process.

Also on April 2, 2003 McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) of Cedar Rapids, IA filed for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Midcontinent Communications Investor LLC, managing partner of Midcontinent Communications and McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2859-03-174. This agreement sets forth rates, responsibilities and types of traffic to be exchanged between the parties.

On April 7, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-177. This amendment reflects CC Docket 99-68, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic.

On April 10, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of a Type 2 Wireless interconnection agreement negotiated with Extend America, Inc., of Bismarck, ND, Case No. PU-2864-03-183. This agreement adopts a previously approved agreement between Qwest and Sprint Spectrum L.P.

On April 15, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-195. This amendment adds terms and conditions for Qwest's performance assurance plan.

On April 22, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-202. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for UNE Combinations.

On April 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA, Case No. PU-2057-03-205. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory.

On April 25, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of a Type 2 Wireless interconnection agreement negotiated with Commnet Wireless, Inc. of Englewood, CO, Case No. PU-2867-03-212. This agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions for network interconnection, unbundled network elements and ancillary services.

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

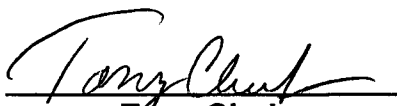

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the

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 June 11, 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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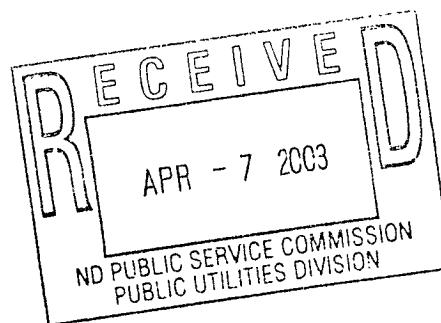
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Re: Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and U.S. Link, Inc.

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between U.S. Link, Inc. and Qwest Corporation. This document amends an Interconnection Agreement that was approved by the Commission on January 14, 1998 in Case No. PU-1755-00-580. The Amendment adds terms, conditions and rates for compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic. Contact information for U.S. Link should be sent to U.S. Link, Inc., Attention: Jennifer Arnold, 30925 Second Street, P.O. Box 327, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472. The telephone number for U.S. Link is 218-568-2647.

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.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Kuntz".

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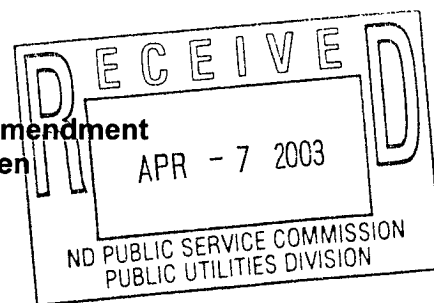
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**Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
U. S. Link, Inc.**

for the State of North Dakota



This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and U. S. Link, Inc. ("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 January 14, 1998, as referenced in Case No. PU-1755-00-580; and

WHEREAS, the FCC issued an Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to reflect the aforementioned Order 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 to the language as follows in lieu of existing contract language:

1. Definitions

For purposes of this Amendment the following definitions apply:

1.1 "Bill and Keep" is as defined in the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic). Bill and Keep is an arrangement where neither of two (2) interconnecting networks charges the other for terminating traffic that originates on the other network. Instead, each network recovers from its own end users the cost of both originating traffic that it delivers to the other network and terminating traffic that it receives from the other network. Bill and Keep does not, however, preclude intercarrier charges for transport of traffic between carriers' networks.

1.2 "Information Service" is as defined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 and includes ISP-bound traffic.

1.3 "Information Services Access" means the offering of access to Information Services Providers.

2. Exchange Service (EAS/Local) Traffic

Pursuant to the election in Section 5 of this Amendment, the Parties agree to exchange all EAS/Local (§251(b)(5)) traffic at the FCC ordered rate, pursuant to the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68, (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic) or the state ordered reciprocal compensation rate. When the FCC ordered rate for ISP-bound traffic is applied to EAS/Local traffic, the FCC Ordered ISP rate is used in lieu of End Office call termination and Tandem Switched Transport rate elements.

3. ISP-Bound Traffic

3.1 Qwest elects to exchange ISP-bound traffic at the FCC ordered rates pursuant to the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic) CC Docket 99-68 (FCC ISP Order), effective June 14, 2001, and usage based intercarrier compensation will be applied as follows:

3.2 Compensation for Interconnection configurations exchanging traffic pursuant to Interconnection agreements as of adoption of the FCC ISP Order, April 18, 2001:

3.2.1 Identification of ISP-Bound traffic -- Qwest will presume traffic delivered to CLEC that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating (Qwest to CLEC) to originating (CLEC to Qwest) traffic is ISP-bound traffic. Either Party may rebut this presumption by demonstrating the factual ratio to the state Commission. Traffic exchanged that is not ISP bound traffic will be considered to be section 251(b)(5) traffic. The provisions in this amendment apply regardless of how the ISP bound traffic is determined.

3.2.2 Growth Ceilings for ISP-Bound Traffic -- Intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic originated by Qwest end users and terminated by CLEC will be subject to growth ceilings. ISP-bound MOUs exceeding the growth ceiling will be subject to Bill and Keep compensation.

3.2.2.1 For the year 2001, CLEC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to, on annualized basis, the number of ISP bound minutes for which CLEC was entitled to compensation under that Agreement during the first quarter of 2001, plus a ten percent (10%) growth factor.

3.2.2.2 For 2002, CLEC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement, for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to the minutes for which it was entitled to compensation under that Agreement in 2001, plus another ten percent (10%) growth factor.

3.2.2.3 In 2003, CLEC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement, for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to the 2002 ceiling applicable to that Agreement.

3.2.3 Rate Caps -- Intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic exchanged between Qwest and CLEC will be billed in accordance with their existing Agreement or as follows, whichever rate is lower:

3.2.3.1 \$.0015 per MOU for six (6) months from June 14, 2001 through December 13, 2001.

3.2.3.2 \$.001 per MOU for eighteen (18) months from December 14, 2001 through June 13, 2003.

3.2.3.3 \$.0007 per MOU from June 14, 2003 until thirty six (36) months after the effective date or until further FCC action on intercarrier compensation, whichever is later.

3.2.3.4 Compensation for ISP bound traffic in Interconnection configurations not exchanging traffic pursuant to Interconnection agreements prior to adoption of the FCC ISP Order on April 18, 2001 will be on a Bill and Keep basis until further FCC action on Intercarrier compensation. This includes carrier expansion into a market it previously had not served.

4. Effective Date

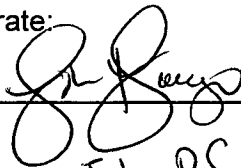
This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission. However, the Parties will adopt the rate-affecting provisions for ISP bound traffic as of June 14, 2001, the effective date of the Order, and the voice (§251(b)(5)) traffic as of the execution date of this Amendment.

5. Rate Election

The reciprocal compensation rate elected for (§251(b)(5)) traffic is (elect and sign one):

State ordered reciprocal compensation rate:

Signature



Name Printed/Typed

John P. Saigo

OR

FCC ISP ordered rate:

Signature

Name Printed/Typed

6. Further Amendments

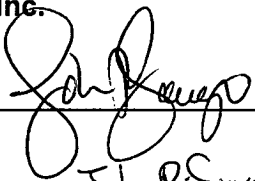
The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be interpreted, amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative.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

7. Entire Agreement

This Amendment (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of this Amendment and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, amendments or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of this Amendment.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

U. S. Link, Inc.



Signature

John P. Saigo

Name Printed/Typed

President

Title

3/31/03

Date

Qwest Corporation



Signature

L. T. Christensen

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4/1/03

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