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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

JOINT APPLICATION OF QWEST  
CORPORATION AND SPRINT  
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. FOR  
APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO  
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(E)

CASE NO.: QWEST-04-01  
**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (“Sprint”) hereby jointly file this Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”). A copy of this Agreement is submitted herewith.

This Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”).


Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the agreement (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this agreement; or the implementation of such an agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Sprint and Qwest respectfully submit that this Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore jointly request that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously. This Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expedient approval of this Agreement will enable Sprint to interconnect with Qwest facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

Sprint and Qwest further request that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing. Because this Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expedient approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

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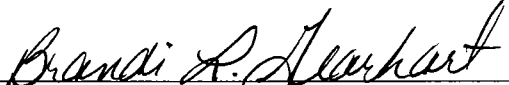
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, I served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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**LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

**Between Qwest Corporation**

**And**

**Sprint Communications Company L.P.  
For the State of Idaho**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION,  
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS, ANCILLARY SERVICES,  
AND RESALE OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

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