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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director

Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager

Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: March 03, 2011

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Amended Interconnection Agreement between Owest

Corporation and FirstDigital Telecom per Docket No. 11-049-19.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

EXPLANATION:

On February 28, 2011, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed the Amended Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on January 31, 2011 with FirstDigital Telecom ("FirstDigital"). FirstDigital's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was approved by the Commission on June 07, 2001 in Docket No.01-2367-01.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between Qwest and FirstDigital and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

cc: L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation Darin Larsen, Senior Engineer, FirstDigital Telecom

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