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WASHINGTON, DC 20541

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
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RE: Gen Docket No. 90-314/PP Docket No. 93-253, and
WT Docket 96-6

Dear Mr. Caton:

Please be advised that Corey Ford, Vice President Business Development and External Affairs, U S WEST Communications Wireless Group, Kathryn Zachem of Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer and Quinn and the undersigned met today with Michele Farquhar, Chief - Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, James Coltharp, Senior Economist - Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, D'Wana Speight, Legal Advisor - Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Jay Markley, Policy Analyst - Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Diana Conley, Legal Advisor - Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the timing of the broadband PCS D and E block auctions. The attached material summarizes the points that were discussed at this meeting.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter, with attachment, are being filed with your office. Acknowledgement and date of receipt of these transmittals are requested. A duplicate of this letter is included for this purpose.

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Please contact me at (202) 429-3134, should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clidge Stafford". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Attachment

cc: James Coltharp
Michele Farquhar
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D and E Block Auction

- U S WEST Communications urges acceleration of D/E auction.
- Services provided by D/E block licensees will be critical to consumer choice and a competitive environment.
- Delays in D/E auction would have several negative impacts:
 - Unfair headstart for PCS A,B & C licensees
 - Lessened competition for incumbent cellular carriers
 - Reduced value for D/E thus less dollars at auction

D and E Block Auction

- Remand issues should be resolved expeditiously.
- Spectrum flexibility docket (WT 96-6) should not delay D/E auction.
- Separate but parallel F auction will insulate D/E auction from undeserved challenges.
- The D/E auction should not be delayed for completion of a disaggregation docket.