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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Dockets 96-45, and 97-160

Dear Ms Salas:

The attached letter was submitted to Katie King today, October 5, 1998 regarding the Universal Service data request. In accordance with Commission Rule 1.1206(a)(1), the original and three copies of this summary of the presentation is being filed with your office. Acknowledgment and date or receipt are requested. A copy of this submission is provided for this purpose. Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



cc: Katie King

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Dear Ms King:

On August 7, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission issued an order requesting "...certain revenue information from non-rural local exchange carriers and holding companies" be provided by October 6, 1998. This data request requires the compilation and summary of data which is not normally done, and which will require considerable time to accomplish. On August 16, 1998 the Communications Workers of America (CWA) initiated a work stoppage against U S WEST. To keep basic services functioning for our customers most U S WEST managers, including all managers required to compile this data request, were given strike assignments. On August 30, 1998 a tentative agreement between U S WEST and CWA was announced, and by September 2, 1998 operations were back to normal.

In light of the time lost due to the strike it is the intention of U S WEST to request a two week extension in the deadline for complying with the data request. On or about October 3, 1998 documents were drafted and signed in my office requesting an extension until October 20, 1998. To the best of my knowledge and belief these documents were filed with the Secretary with a copy sent to you. As our conversations over the past several days have indicated, neither one of us can now locate these documents. My best explanation is that due to temporary staffing in our office, the documents were either misplaced, incorrectly filed, or not filed at all. I sincerely regret this, I take full responsibility, and I apologize for any inconvenience which this has caused you. With this letter we renew our request for a two week extension of the filing deadline until October 20, 1998.

Please call me if you have any questions. A copy of this letter is also being filed with the Secretary for inclusion in the record in CC Dockets 96-45 and 97-160.

Sincerely,



cc: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary