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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room TW-A325
455 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160✓

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding are executed declarations for U S WEST employees to ensure their access to the non-redacted versions of parties' Comments (or portions thereof) that were filed herein on July 23, 1999. This filing is made pursuant to paragraphs 7, 8 and 11 of the Common Carrier Bureau's Protective Order, DA 98-1490, rel. July 27, 1998, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160.¹

The enclosed declarations are for the following U S WEST employees:

Steven R. Beck
Thomas R. Bull
Kenneth T. Cartmell
Peter Copeland
Ross Dino
Garrett Y. Fleming
Kathryn E. Ford
Richard Grozier
Robert B. McKenna
Kelseau Powe, Jr.
Rebecca W. Ward
Byron Watson

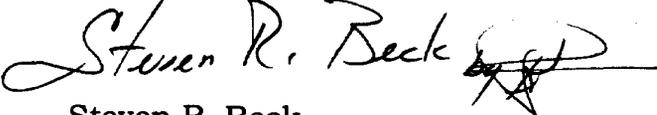
Four copies of this transmittal are submitted in accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1) of the Commission's rules. Copies of this filing also have been served 1) via hand delivery on Craig Brown of the Commission's Staff and 2) via facsimile and U.S. mail on counsel for Bell Atlantic, AT&T Corp. and MCI WorldCom, Inc.,

¹ 13 FCC Rcd. 13910 (1998).

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parties that filed proprietary/confidential versions of their Comments on
July 23, 1999 (see enclosed certificate of service).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven R. Beck". The signature is written in black ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven R. Beck

Encls.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

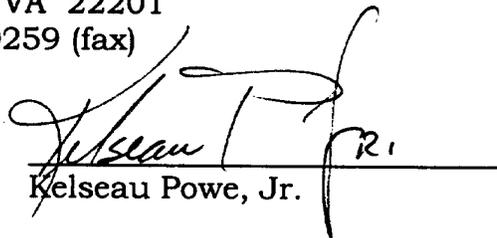
I, Kelseau Powe Jr., do hereby certify that on the 4th day of August, 1999,
I have caused a copy of the foregoing **EX PARTE** to be served, via hand
delivery, on the following person:

Craig Brown
Federal Communications Commission
5th Floor
Portals II
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

and via facsimile and first class United States mail, postage prepaid, upon the
following persons:

Rudolph M. Kammerer
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1722 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
202-736-8711 (fax)

Joseph DiBella
Bell Atlantic
8th Floor
1320 North Court House Road
Arlington, VA 22201
703-974-0259 (fax)


Kelseau Powe, Jr.

Attachment A:

DECLARATION

In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, Steven R. Beck, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) SRB

(printed name) STEVEN R. BECK

(representing) U S WEST

(title) ATTORNEY

(employer) U S WEST INC

(address) 1801 CALIFORNIA ST., STE. 5100, DENVER CO 80202

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(date) 8/4/99

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I, Thomas R. Bull, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Thomas R. Bull
 (printed name) THOMAS R. BULL
 (representing) US West
 (title) Group Mgr. Interstate Regulation
 (employer) US West
 (address) 1801 California
 (phone) 303-896-6501
 (date) August 4, 1999

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, Kenneth T. Cartmell, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) *Kenneth T. Cartmell*

(printed name) Kenneth T. Cartmell

(representing) U S WEST, Inc.

(title) Executive Director - Federal Regulatory

(employer) U S WEST, Inc.

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(date) August 4, 1999

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, Peter Copeland, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Peter Copeland

(printed name) Peter Copeland

(representing) U S WEST

(title) Director

(employer) U S WEST

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(date) 8/4/99

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, ROSS DIND, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Ross Dind

(printed name) ROSS DIND

(representing) U S WEST

(title) Director

(employer) U S WEST

(address) 1801 California Street, 51st Floor, Denver, CO 80202

(phone) 303-672-2855

(date) 08/04/99

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, GARRETT FLEMING hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) [Signature]
 (printed name) GARRETT FLEMING
 (representing) US West
 (title) DIRECTOR
 (employer) US West
 (address) 1901 CALIFORNIA ST
 (phone) 303-896-5178
 (date) Aug. 4, 1999

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, Kathryn E. Ford, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Kathryn E. Ford
 (printed name) Kathryn E. Ford
 (representing) USWEST
 (title) Corporate Counsel
 (employer) USWEST
 (address) 1801 California St. Suite 5100
 (phone) (303) 672-2776
 (date) 8-4-99

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I, Richard Grozier, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Richard Grozier

(printed name) Richard Grozier

(representing) U S WEST Communications, Inc.

(title) Manager

(employer) U S WEST

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(phone) 303-672-2862

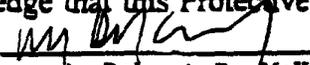
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I, Robert B. McKenna, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) 

(printed name) Robert B. McKenna

(representing) US West, Inc.

(title) Associate General Counsel

(employer) US West, Inc.

(address) 1801 California Street, #5100

(phone) 303-672-2861

(date) 8/4/99

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I, Kelseau Powe, Jr., hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) *Kelseau Powe, Jr.*

(printed name) Kelseau Powe, Jr.

(representing) U S WEST, Inc.

(title) Manager

(employer) U S WEST, Inc.

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(date) August 4, 1999

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I, Rebecca W. Ward, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Rebecca W. Ward

(printed name) Rebecca W. Ward

(representing) U S WEST, Inc.

(title) Manager

(employer) U S WEST, Inc.

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(date) August 4, 1999

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In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs (CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-160).

I, Byron Watson, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the Protective Order that has been entered by the Common Carrier Bureau in this proceeding, and that I agree to be bound by its terms pertaining to the treatment of Confidential Information submitted by parties to this proceeding. I understand that the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to anyone except in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order and shall be used only for purposes of the proceedings in this matter. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Common Carrier Bureau. I acknowledge that this Protective Order is also a binding agreement with the Submitting Party.

(signed) Byron Watson

(printed name) Byron Watson

(representing) U S WEST

(title) Witness and Address Manager

(employer) U S WEST

(address) 1801 California St c 4740

(phone) 303-965-2430

(date) 8-4-99