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September 6, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
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Room TW-A325  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Qwest Corporation and Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
Joint Petition For Waiver of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Change  
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996  
CC Docket No. 94-129

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is being filed pursuant to a request from William Cox, Accounting Policy Division. On July 25, 2000, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Sully Buttes") filed a Joint Petition for Waiver of the subscriber carrier selection change provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") grant a limited waiver of the authorization and verification requirements of the Commission's carrier-change rules for approximately 2,400 access lines located in South Dakota. Mr. Cox has requested that a copy of the letter (enclosed herewith as Attachment A), sent to affected customers as part of Qwest's May 5, 2000 Section 63.71 application, be added to the record.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (303) 672-5851.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mark Brinton

cc: Attached service list  
Kathryn Marie Krause, Qwest

## **ATTACHMENT A**



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL EXCHANGES

May 5, 2000

Dear Customer:

U S WEST has valued the opportunity to serve you and our other customers in Sisseton. Dramatic changes in the telecommunications industry have made it necessary for us to adopt new strategies and approaches. The difficult decision to sell service areas is one measure U S WEST has undertaken to strengthen our industry's ability to serve all customers better in the future. This decision also allows us to better meet demands during these competitive times.

U S WEST has reached an agreement to sell our facilities serving Sisseton (area code 605, prefix 698) to Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Once this sale is completed, Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative will provide local telephone service to you and others in your community who were previously served by U S WEST.

We are confident that Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative possesses the ability and experience necessary to meet your future telecommunications needs. We are confident, too, that the transfer of service to Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative will be a smooth and seamless transaction. Your service -- including your local calling area and your telephone number(s), will remain exactly as it is today. Transfer of your service to Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative will be automatic -- you don't have to do anything.

All services, including local basic service and local long distance service, currently provided to you by U S WEST will be provided in the future by Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative. As always, you remain free at any time to select your local basic or local long distance provider. Any long distance provider, other than U S WEST, that you subscribe to today will remain your long distance provider after Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative becomes your basic service provider. Once again, no action is necessary on your part.

Sales of this type must be approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed transfer of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object to the FCC, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, referencing the 63.71 application of U S WEST. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed transfer upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

As we move ahead to transfer your service from U S WEST to Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative we will inform you of significant developments. And, until the transition to Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative is complete, U S WEST will continue to provide service for you and the other members of your community. If you have any questions concerning the sale of the Sisseton exchange, please call us collect at 1-605-339-5022.

Thank you for your business.

U S WEST®

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kristi Jones, do hereby certify that I have caused 1) the foregoing **LETTER** to be filed electronically with the FCC by using its Electronic Comment Filing System, 2) a copy of the **LETTER** to be served, via hand delivery, upon the persons/entity (marked with an asterisk) listed on the attached service list and 3) a copy of the **LETTER** to be served, via first class United States mail, postage prepaid, upon all other persons listed on the attached service list.

Kristi Jones  
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