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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Petition of U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Forbearance from Regulation as a Dominant Carrier for High Capacity Services in the Phoenix, Arizona MSA, CC Docket No. 98-157

Petition of U S WEST Communications, Inc. for Forbearance from Regulation as a Dominant Carrier for High Capacity Services in the Seattle, Washington MSA, CC Docket No. 99-1

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 20, 2001, Sharon Devine, Jim Hannon and I, all from Qwest, met with Kyle Dixon, legal advisor to Chairman Powell, to discuss the above-referenced proceedings in light of the recently-issued remand of the Commission's initial order by the D. C. Circuit Court of Appeals. In particular we discussed the competitive situation in Phoenix and Seattle and Qwest's belief that Section 10 forbearance is appropriate.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office for inclusion in the record of this proceeding. In addition, another copy of this letter is provided to be stamped and returned to the messenger who has been instructed to wait for it. Please contact me if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Kure", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Kyle Dixon
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