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Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,
CC Docket Nos. 96-45 /

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 25, 2001, Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest") submitted comments in response to the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* regarding modifications in the manner in which the Commission assesses universal service contributions and carriers recover those contributions from their end-user customers.¹ It has come to Qwest's attention that those comments contain a factual error.

In its comments, Qwest asserted that the Commission should retain the current safe harbor for wireless carrier revenues. In making this argument, Qwest stated (at page 8) that Qwest Wireless currently does not offer a bundled calling package whereby a Qwest Wireless customer can call anywhere in the United States for no additional charge beyond the rate for local calls. In fact, Qwest Wireless recently began offering such a package.

Qwest regrets this inadvertent error. Nevertheless, Qwest continues to believe that the Commission should retain the current wireless safe harbor. As stated in Qwest's comments, it is merely conjecture to assume that such long distance calling plans have caused the percentage of interstate revenues collected by cellular and PCS carriers to rise above the 15 percent safe harbor. Moreover, the concerns that led to the adoption of the safe harbor – the inability of

¹ *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size; Number Resource Optimization; Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 01-145, rel. May 8, 2001.*

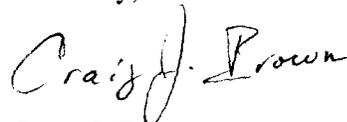
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wireless telecommunications providers to distinguish interstate and intrastate revenues –
continue to exist today.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter. An original and three
copies of this ex parte correspondence are provided. An additional copy is also provided, to be
stamped as received and returned to the messenger who has been instructed to wait for it.

Sincerely,

 by 

Craig J. Brown

cc: Katherine Schroder
Anita Cheng