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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room TW-A325
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*,
CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 97-420

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 12, 1998, U S WEST, Inc. petitioned for reconsideration or clarification of the Commission's *Fourth Order on Reconsideration* in the Universal Service Docket.¹ Since that date, effective July 1, 2000, U S WEST, Inc. and Qwest Communications International Inc. merged, and Qwest Communications International Inc. is the corporate successor to U S WEST, Inc. Qwest Communications International Inc. hereby respectfully withdraws its Petition for Reconsideration or Clarification of the *Fourth Order on Reconsideration* filed by U S WEST, Inc.

If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert B. McKenna

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¹ See *Petition for Reconsideration or Clarification of Fourth Order on Reconsideration of U S WEST, Inc., In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45*, 13 FCC Rcd. 5318 (1997).