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MR. MICHAEL K. POWELL
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A GROUP OF FOURTEEN RETIRED MEN MEET EACH MONDAY MORNING FOR A COFFEE SESSION AND DISCUSS, WHAT WE THINK, ARE IMPORTANT MATTERS. ONE OF WHICH IS, "QWEST'S ATTEMPT TO RE-ENTER INTO THE LONG DISTANCE MARKET FOR ITS NEBRASKA CONSUMERS."

AT THIS POINT IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE "HURDLES" IS ABOUT TO BE CLEARED. THAT BEING, COMPLETING "THE 14-POINT CHECKLIST", WHICH IS REQUIRED BY THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. THIS HAS TAKEN A LONG LONG TIME, WHICH I'M SURE IS NECESSARY. ITS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ONCE THE LIST IS COMPLETED, IT IS SENT TO YOUR ORGANIZATION TO ACT ON.

WE ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT FOR TWO REASONS;
ONE--IT WILL MAKE THE COST OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICE CHEAPER TO US, THE CONSUMER.

TWO--IT WILL HELP TO MAKE "QWEST" A STRONGER COMPANY FINANCIALLY, WHICH OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY DRASTICALLY NEEDS

WE URGE YOU AND YOUR COMMISSION TO MOVE QUICKLY, TO APPROVE QWEST'S REQUEST.

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I would like to join the effort to bring more competition into the long distance market, including my local service provider, Qwest. The more choices we have, the more likely we are to see the marketplace economy work – providing consumers lower rates and guaranteeing the survival of the most customer-focused, efficient companies.

Nationally known long distance and cable companies are allowed to compete for local service as well as for the long distance dollar. It's time to permit local telephone companies to enter the national telecommunications market, especially when they have met fair competition tests.

I support Qwest's bid to provide for the full needs of Nebraskans – including city-wide, state-wide, national, and international long distance services. Other companies are allowed this freedom today. Qwest should be allowed to join the open marketplace and compete for my business. I urge you to support their application and allow them to become a full-service provider as soon as possible.



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Dear Chairman Powell:

On behalf of the 2500 Nebraska retirees of Northwestern Bell, US West and now Qwest, I ask you and your fellow commissioners to promptly approve Qwest's application to provide long distance service to Nebraska customers.

We have watched with great interest as the Nebraska Public Service Commission worked toward their recommendation of Qwest's re-entry into long distance. We have been impressed with their diligence and thoroughness in reviewing the 14 step checklist and the other requirements placed on Qwest. They are to be commended for their hard work and commitment to Nebraska consumers under the leadership of Chairperson Anne Boyle.

We have all seen many changes over the years in telecommunications and we retirees watch these issues very closely. We certainly have retirement issues which we will continue to discuss internally, however, we stand 100% united with Qwest when it comes to Qwest's re-entry into the long distance market

Certainly, we retirees have a self-interest in requesting this action! We helped build the present telephone system and we want it to be further improved, Also the economic well being of Qwest is very important to us and our families. We believe this is an essential step in improving the economic growth and vitality of Nebraska businesses, including Qwest.

We have every confidence the Federal Communications Commission will act promptly in the best interest of Nebraskans. Thank you for your leadership in bringing this effort to a successful completion.



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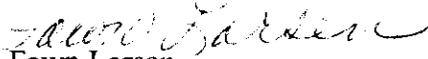
I encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to support Qwest's Nebraska application to the Federal Communications Commission to be able to provide long distance in our state and throughout the United States. We urge you to move quickly to approve Qwest's request thereby allowing full telecommunications competition for Nebraska consumers.

I've been impressed with the diligent effort by the Nebraska Public Service Commission in reviewing each of the items on the 14-point checklist as well as the other things Qwest was required to meet. They are to be commended for their hard work and commitment to Nebraska consumers.

We have all seen changes over the years in the telecommunications environment, and as a Nebraska consumer, I watch these issues very closely. I believe this is an essential step in placing Qwest on strong financial footing. In addition, Nebraska businesses and residential customers deserve the benefits that come from increased competition, and, at the same time, enhance the economic growth and vitality of our state.

Thank you for your leadership in bringing this important effort to a successful completion in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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February 20, 2002

Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell:

As an employee of Qwest Communications and a resident in Nebraska, I would like to support Qwest's pursuit to provide long distance service to all Nebraskans. I believe everyone in the state will benefit when full, fair competition comes to Nebraska's telecommunications markets. It is important to all of us individually and to Nebraska's economy overall. I strongly urge the FCC's support of Qwest's Nebraska 271 application.

Sincerely,

Linda Stevens

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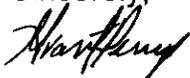
I would like to be able to save money on my phone bill. I recently switched from Qwest to Cox because I thought that my rates would be cheaper. As it turns out, I am paying about the same monthly rate after my month of promotional rates ended. I have no particular interest in Qwest or any other company, but I do know that with more companies competing for my business, I will inevitably get lower rates.

With a company like Qwest in the market, I'll be able to get not only lower prices, but also bundled services: local, long distance, wireless, and Internet. I'd like to be able to write one check each month. Furthermore, I'd like to be able to choose from a variety of companies—among Qwest and its competitors—to pick the best deal for me.

For now, I don't have any of those options. While other customers in other states are saving money because they've got long distance competition, all I can do is hope for the day it happens here in Nebraska.

I'm hopeful you will support Qwest's efforts to offer long distance, and that some time soon I'll have the opportunity to save money and have a real choice.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Powell:

I would just like to say that I totally support Qwest's re-entry into the Long Distance Business in the state of Nebraska. I believe it will bring significant benefits to the people of Nebraska, bringing jobs into the state, maintain our competitiveness, drive Qwest to continually service our customers with the utmost quality, and give Qwest the ability to bundle even more of their services. To that end, I hope that your will see the re-entry into Long Distance as a positive for Nebraska and it's constituents.

Thanks you for your consideration,



Susan Bliss

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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am concerned about Qwest's approval for long distance service. I can't understand how AT & T and other companies can offer long distance service but Qwest isn't allowed to offer it to the public. It has come to my attention that AT & T has sent out letters recently offering lower cost long distance service. Doesn't that seem a bit strange when Qwest is now asking to be recognized as a long distance server?

I travel considerably in our country and to other countries. It would be more economical and convenient if I could use a Qwest long distance card to call home. However, I have to use an AT & T card. I am asking for Qwest to be recognized as a long distance carrier so that all of my billing would be from Qwest. It would be more economical for me and much more convenient.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Dolores Barkley

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Dear Chairman Powell,

This letter is in support of Qwest's request to provide long distance service in Nebraska.

I believe that Qwest is an excellent service provider and that the consumers of Nebraska will benefit from having Qwest's product offerings expanded to include long distance service. It has been estimated that the phone customers in Nebraska will save millions of dollars in long distance charges if Qwest is allowed to provide the service..

It's time for a change and I sincerely hope the FCC views the request by Qwest in a positive manner.

Sincerely yours,



Leon D. Nelson

(via email to NFC)

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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to give my support for allowing QWEST Communications Inc. to enter the long distance business in the state of Nebraska. I believe QWEST will bring additional competition to the long distance business and drive down my, already too high, long distance rates. I also believe they should be able to offer a package of services like COX Cable is now offering. With the two going head to head with a package deal, I know I can get a better deal than I am currently paying for. Let the two companies compete against each other so I will benefit during these hard times!! Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,



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May, 2002

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Commissioner Powell:

I understand the FCC has now received Qwest's Nebraska application for re-entering the long distance business in Nebraska. I know that this is a complex issue however, it is an important issue to Nebraskans. I ask you to expedite the approval process.

One of the biggest frustrations I face as a Nebraska telephone consumer is the inability to get all of my telecommunications services from Qwest. These rules restricting them from providing long distance service from state to state need to be changed as quickly as possible. I would much rather have just one company involved and one bill.

I understand the laws were put into place to encourage more competition. We have a lot of competition in this state. Several times a month I receive calls or mailings from someone wanting to provide my telephone service. It is time for fair and open competition for Qwest in the long distance business.

The Omaha World Herald has been covering the work of the NE Public Service Commissioners as they prepare all of the necessary paperwork for this next phase. I want you to know that I support the work of the Public Service Commission.

This is now in your hands - please approve Qwest's application as quickly as possible. It will be good for the Nebraska consumers and our economy.

Sincerely,



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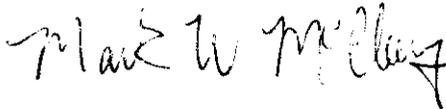
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Michael,

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I'm writing you today to ask for your support in allowing Qwest to provide long distance services in Nebraska. I've worked for this company for almost 25 years and seen it evolve from a utility company in a monopoly environment to a communications company in a very competitive environment. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are not able to compete with the very companies that are now taking customers from our local telephone service market. I think it is only fair that we are allowed to compete in the markets of these companies. History has shown that competition brings about greater choice and product efficiencies. I hope you will take the necessary steps to help Qwest improve our customers choices.

Sincerely,



Mark W. McCleery
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Dear Mr. Powell,

As a Nebraskan and a consumer of telecommunications services, I am in support of allowing Qwest to provide long-distance service to Nebraskans. I would like to be able to have the convenience of one supplier of my telecommunications needs. I feel that opening the market to open competition will assure that consumers will benefit through competitive pricing.

Also as an employee of Qwest I would like to be able to tell my friends and neighbors that they can have full service through Qwest as I am often asked why it is so confusing to deal with something as simple as phone service. Everyone likes having the option of choices, but would like to be able to get all the phone services they need from one company. The concept of having different companies for long distance and local service without the option of choosing the same company for both doesn't make sense to the individual consumer.

I am proud to have 28 years of service with the "phone company" and have felt that both my corporation, as well as myself as an individual, have been able to provide benefits to Nebraska. I would like to continue the contributions and provide better customer service by being able to provide end-to-end service to any consumer that asks, rather than having to say we are unable to accommodate their needs.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. I am hoping the points included will help convince you of the importance of allowing Qwest into the long distance market in Nebraska.

Regina Shimonek



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If Qwest has opened its local markets to competition and has completed the requirements that you set to enter the long distance arena then Qwest should be allowed that privilege.

With Qwest entering the long distance market, competition should increase therefore driving the prices for long distance services down. This is the main reason for adding competition in the telephone environment, lower prices for the consumer. With that in mind I ask you to consider letting Qwest enter the long distance market.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to request that you support Qwest's application to provide long distance telephone service in Nebraska.

Free enterprise is what has made our country strong. Telephone service should be governed by the same rules as other Nebraska businesses. This would not only benefit Qwest, but I feel strongly that the competition would benefit the consumer even more. I feel the consumer should have the option of using Qwest for all of their long distance service.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in support of Qwest Communications being able to offer Nebraska customers long distance services. It is important that the 'market place' rather than some 'artificial government mandated criteria' decide which companies are to succeed in the long distance business.

In other sectors of the telecommunications industry (local service, cellular, data, directory, etc.) there is currently very intense competition but unfortunately Nebraska customers have been so far unable to purchase long distance service from whichever company they might choose.

Please completely open up the long distance business in Nebraska so that we customers can select the calling plan options that best meet our needs.

Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Donovon Walters

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