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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Applications of Qwest Communications International Inc.
for Authorization Under Section 271 of the
Communications Act
WC Dockets No. 02-148 and 02-189**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), by its attorneys, respectfully withdraws the above-referenced applications. Qwest believes that the applications fully satisfy the requirements of Section 271, including the competitive checklist. The undisputed record demonstrates significant local exchange competition in each of the application states. Nevertheless, in recent days the Commission staff has raised questions regarding the issue of whether Qwest Communications Corporation ("QCC"), the designated Section 272 affiliate, can be said to meet the requirements of Section 272 given pending restatement of its financial statements for past periods.

Qwest believes that it has shown that it will meet the requirements of the Act with respect to how it will conduct its interLATA business. Nevertheless, to address the expressed concerns, and given the statutory deadline otherwise presented to the Commission, Qwest is withdrawing these applications. Qwest expects to file a new application soon incorporating all of the states for which interLATA authority has been sought in WC Docket Nos. 02-148 and 02-189, and will address these matters further in that application. Consistent with Section 271 procedures in similar cases in the past, Qwest will request that the Commission incorporate the existing records from WC Docket Nos. 02-148 and 02-189 in the new

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application. This process should permit the Commission to act on the new application promptly, building on its extensive work to date.

If any questions arise in connection with this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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