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

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 10, 2002, representatives of Qwest Communications International Inc. ("QCII") met with the Commission staff to discuss the company's letter filed September 9 in response to the letter of AT&T dated September 6. Present on behalf of QCII in person or by telephone were Steven Davis, Melissa Newman, and Dan Poole of the company; William Lake and Jon Nuechterlein of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, and Peter Rohrbach of Hogan & Hartson. Present on behalf of the Commission were John Rogovin, Deputy General Counsel as well as Debra Weiner and Sharon Diskin of the Office of General Counsel, and Carol Matthey, Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

At the meeting, Qwest discussed its position that its Section 272 affiliate will maintain its books, records and accounts in accordance with Section 272(b) of the Telecommunications Act, for the reasons set forth in the company's September 9 letter. Qwest also stated that the Telecommunications Act permitted the Commission to approve its application in Docket No. 02-148 without a refiling based on a finding that Qwest will provide service through a qualified Section 272 affiliate in the future, including a commitment that it will not do so until it first has taken steps to address the accounting issue raised in connection with its application, either by completion of the restatement or by substitution of a new affiliate that does not present the same accounting issue. Qwest indicated that in the event that

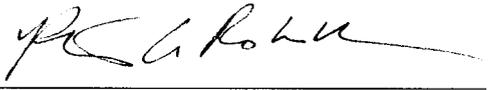
it withdrew its applications, it would refile in the near future after creating a new, 272-compliant affiliate that would provide in-region interLATA services. Qwest further indicated that because of the limited issue involved, it would hope that the FCC could process any such application on an expedited basis.

Following the meeting, Richard Notebaert, President and Chief Executive Officer of Qwest, spoke with Chairman Powell. At that time Mr. Notebaert advised Chairman Powell that Qwest would withdraw its applications in this matter and in Docket No. 02-189, and refile soon addressing the Section 272 issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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