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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
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RE: Docket Nos. WC 02-314; CC 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147
Application of Qwest Communications International Inc. to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in the States of Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, December 6, 2002, Dick Notebaert, Chairman and CEO of Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), and Gary Lytle, Senior Vice President, Federal Relations, met with Chairman Michael Powell and Christopher Libertelli to discuss Qwest's application to provide in-region InterLATA service in the nine states referenced above. In particular, Mr. Notebaert discussed the agreements it recently filed with its state commissions, loop qualification issues, and the status of its section 272 affiliate.

In addition, Mr. Notebaert reiterated Qwest's views in the Triennial Review proceeding, specifically that switching should no longer be an unbundled network element because it does not meet the "necessary and impair" test under the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

In accordance with FCC rule 1.49(f), this *Ex Parte* letter is being filed electronically *via* the Electronic Comment Filing System for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced dockets pursuant to FCC Rule 1.1206(b)(2).

Sincerely,
/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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