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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, In the Matters 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:

Yesterday, representing Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), Dick Notebaert and Gary Lytle met with the Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell, his Chief of Staff Marsha MacBride and Legal Advisor Christopher Libertelli to discuss the Triennial Review proceeding including the removal of local switching as an unbundled network element and the local use restrictions on enhanced extended links ("EEL").

With regard to local switching, Qwest articulated that competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") are not impaired without access to unbundled switching on a national basis. Additionally, they discussed EEL local use restrictions and the fact that the Qwest proposal streamlines the use restrictions to effectively enable CLECs, which are the exclusive local service provider for a customer, to purchase EELs.

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/ Cronan O'Connell

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