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EX PARTE

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Application by Qwest Communications International
Inc. for Authority to Provide In-Region InterLATA
Services in New Mexico, Oregon and South Dakota;
WC Docket No. 03-11**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, representatives of Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest") spoke by telephone with Commission staff to provide an update on Qwest's investigation of WorldCom's claims regarding the rejects it received using the "NKS" Universal Service Ordering Code ("USOC") in Oregon.¹ Christopher Viveros and I, along with Yaron Dori of Hogan & Hartson, participated in the call on behalf of Qwest; and Kimberly Cook, William Dever and Jeff Tignor participated on behalf of the Commission.

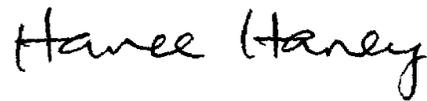
Both the NKS and "NKM" USOCs relate to the Caller ID Blocking feature in Oregon. Initially, Qwest suspected that WorldCom's use of the NKS USOC was resulting in rejects because that USOC is associated with residential service, and CLECs using UNE-P are supposed to use only those USOCs associated with business service, which in this case would have been NKM. But further investigation prompted Qwest to learn that the residential/business distinction between these USOCs is irrelevant here. Still, WorldCom's use of the NKS USOC was inappropriate because only the NKM USOC is programmed to work with UNE-P. In yesterday's conference call, Qwest explained to Commission staff that it would (1) clarify that the NKM USOC should be used when ordering Caller ID Blocking with UNE-P; and (2) use the Change Management Process to ensure that both the NKS and NKM USOC can be used by CLECs to order Caller ID Blocking with UNE-P. Qwest

¹ See WorldCom Comments at 15, Lichtenberg Decl. at ¶ 22.

noted that the ability to submit either USOC should be available to CLECs by April 11, 2003, and that Qwest would include this explanation in its reply comments later this week.

The twenty-page limit does not apply to this filing. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions concerning this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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