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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in Minnesota.

Consumers in our state will benefit greatly from competition in the long-distance market. They will see lower rates, better services, and more technology. In addition, consumers will be able to save time and money with the convenience of single-billing.

I am also proud of the new leadership team at Qwest. Everyone at the company is dedicated to providing Qwest's customers outstanding service.

I urge you to allow Qwest access to Minnesota's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Dianne Barthel  
PO Box 63  
Albertville, MN 55301

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I believe in competition, and part of that is to increase our options for long-distance in Minnesota.

Qwest is applying for approval, and Minnesota seems to be the distinct minority in delaying approval, as all of our neighbor states already approved Qwest. In spite of what the former regime at Qwest did, it serves no purpose to delay what is good for Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Rich Balamut  
637 East River Road, #300  
Anoka, MN 55303

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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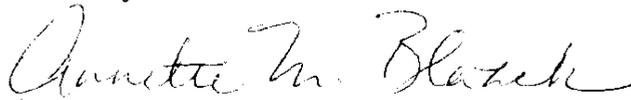
Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a Minnesotan, I am interested in seeing my phone bills reduced and better service from my long distance provider. Unfortunately, I am not reaping the rewards that competition brings. While other states have already accepted Qwest into long distance entry, Minnesota has yet to do so.

Qwest should be allowed to enter the market so that all of Minnesota can benefit from increased competition- lower prices, improved service and the spread of advanced technology. In these times of tightened budgets, anything that allows consumers to save money on basic services such as long distance calling would be welcomed.

Please support Qwest. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Annette Blazek  
232 W. Thompson Ave. #304  
West St. Paul, MN 55118

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have been an employee of Qwest for 18 years now. I have saved 10 percent of my wages and invested it into the stock market, mostly into Qwest. Since the 1996 Telecommunications Act, I have watched that disappear. My wife with 26 years of service was laid off.

Today, I had 30 lines go from Integra to Popp Telecom. Integra chose to keep the pairs. I worked until 8:00 p.m. last night and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today straightening that mess out. All we can get from the competitors is \$12.03 a month. To add to this, the competitors then complain about Qwest. It seems like these competitors just feed off of our company.

It doesn't seem right that Qwest has to be forced to give our lines away at such low rates. Why should Qwest invest in new technology and be forced to lease our plant out and the independents don't have to?

I support Qwest's application to provide long-distance in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Robert Buss  
10485 99<sup>th</sup> Place North  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a Qwest employee, I am particularly proud of the new leadership team at the company headed by Dick Notebaert. Qwest is moving in the right direction with everyone committed to providing high quality services to its customers.

Allowing Qwest access to Minnesota's long-distance market is good for consumers. Competition in long-distance will lead to lower rates, better service, and more technology. True competition in the long-distance arena will help achieve these goals, and allowing Qwest to enter the long-distance market will make communications easier and less expensive for all Minnesotans.

I urge you to support Qwest's application to provide high quality long-distance service in our state.

Sincerely,



LeAnn Cammarata  
5930 Yucca Lane North  
Plymouth, MN 55446

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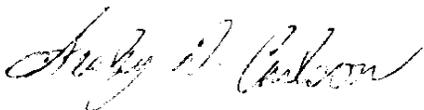
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Realizing that our nation is currently in a stressed economic state, it is hard to comprehend why consumers like me don't have a real choice --- and the chance to save real money --- on long-distance.

Efforts to open the long-distance market to more competitors have been approved in several states, including Iowa and North Dakota. Since Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long-distance market have not yet been approved, I cannot help but wonder why we are falling behind.

Once the telecommunications market feels the pressure of healthy competition, prices are bound to decrease and choices will be better suited for the consumers of Minnesota. Other states are benefiting from an open market, why isn't Minnesota?

Sincerely,



Wesley Carlson  
11933 Louisiana Circle North  
Champlin, MN 55316

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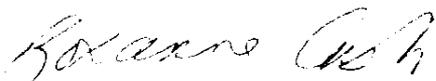
As someone who is an employee for Qwest, I want to see the day that our company receives approval to offer interstate long distance service in our state.

For consumers like me, choices in long distance are important. Increased competition brings lower prices, better services, and enhanced technology. It would be wonderful if my company would have the opportunity to help Minnesotans in so many great ways.

Not allowing Qwest into long distance is denying Minnesota the opportunity to save untold amounts of money by benefiting from long distance competition. And we're falling farther and farther behind other states that are already benefiting from such competition.

I urge you to Qwest's entry into the long distance market.

Sincerely,



Roxanne Cash  
1115 Albemarle St.  
St. Paul, MN 55717

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
U.S. Representative Jim Ramstad

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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In Minnesota, we have had competition in the local phone service market for many years.

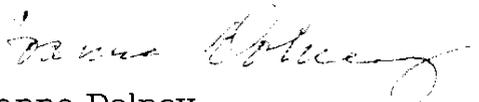
Qwest is the backbone of telephone service in our state. Other telecommunications companies have chosen not to provide their own facilities or fully serve consumers.

The door to competition has been open. Now, we need to keep it open by allowing Qwest access to Minnesota's long-distance market. This is the only way residents of our state will have a choice in their long-distance carrier. This competition will lead to lower rates and better services for consumers. This is a win-win situation for everyone.

I am also proud of the new leadership at Qwest. Everyday, tremendous changes are taking place that lead to excellent customer service.

I urge you to support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Joanne Dolney  
7540 South Inskip Trail  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman John Kline

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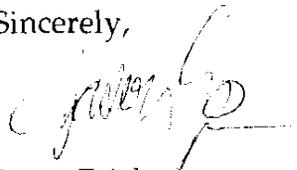
Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a Qwest employee, I would like to see my company be allowed to offer lower prices, better service, and advanced technology over other long distance competitors in Minnesota. However, Qwest has yet to be accepted into the market here in the state. Why should all of Minnesota lose out on the opportunity to reap the benefits of increased competition in long distance service?

While other most other states have already accepted Qwest's entry into long distance, Minnesota waits. Minnesota waits. The time is now. We all want to save money and get the better services that my company could provide. Don't let this opportunity to help the consumers of Minnesota during this difficult economic period.

Please support Qwest's entry into the long distance market in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Jason Erickson  
5253 Benchside Dr.  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The opening of Minnesota's telecommunications markets will provide consumers the choice of the best possible long distance carrier for their companies.

I have seen studies from other states that show the rates that have dropped and the money that the consumers are saving. Now I am wondering why our state is not yet benefiting from Qwest's entry into the long distance market? All we seem to have are delays – and no action. This process has gone on too long already.

I encourage you to join me in supporting Qwest's request to enter the Minnesota long distance market so that we can have real choice and true competition in our state.

Please support Qwest. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ruth E. Ford  
18016 NW Gary St.  
Elk River, MN 55330

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
U.S. Representative Mark Kennedy

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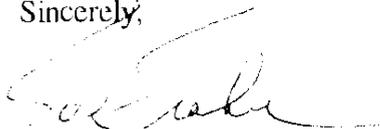
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Phone customers in most of the other states in the country are able to benefit from increased competition in long distance services. They receive benefits like lower prices, improved services and better access to advanced technology. Why can't Minnesotan's share those benefits too?

As a Qwest employee, I realize the benefits that competition can bring consumers. I know that true choice equals potential savings of millions of dollars each year, and all Minnesotans should be able to choose which long distance service they want.

I urge you to Qwest's entry into the long distance market.

Sincerely,



Joe Fraher  
9459 Kirkwood Ave N.  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
U.S. Representative Jim Ramstad

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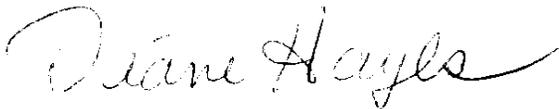
There is no question, with Qwest's entry into long distance, Minnesotans will save money and get better long distance service. Increased competition yields lower phone bills, improved service, and advanced technology. Why should we keep consumers and businesses from attaining the benefits of added competition to the long distance market?

While other states like North Dakota and Iowa already reap the benefits of having Qwest in their long distance service. Why should Minnesotans fall behind the rest of the country? We deserve to save money just like everyone else.

During these difficult economic times, reduction to my bill is welcomed. Qwest's entry into long distance could accomplish just that. Please let all of Minnesota benefit from increased competition in long distance service.

Please support Qwest's efforts.

Sincerely,



Diane Hayes  
3916 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Congressman Martin Olav Sabo - Minneapolis

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

In these uncertain economic times, we should allow our local phone service provider to offer long-distance service in Minnesota. I think we have waited long enough for this to happen, and we need lower prices and better services and products.

I have read that Iowa and North Dakota, where local providers can offer long-distance services, rates have dropped by at least 10 percent, and it's even spurred more competition among local service providers.

More long-distance service offerings will drive better prices and quality, and the savings will have a ripple effect throughout Minnesota's economy. Also, long-distance competition by our local phone service company will result in additional jobs being created in the state.

I hope you agree that additional competition for long-distance service in Minnesota is needed, and that you will support efforts to allow local providers to offer long-distance service.

Sincerely,



Roberta Hurmi  
3371 Glen Oaks Drive  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing in support of Qwest's re-entry into our state's long-distance market. I believe it will be good for rural Minnesotans.

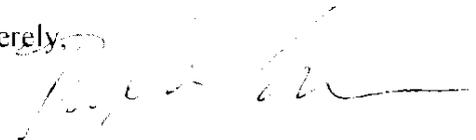
Rural residents face special challenges since it often costs telecommunications companies more money to service them, often with less return on their investment. But rural residents deserve the same advantages as our friends and relatives in urban areas --- and full, fair long distance competition will help.

With a real choice for long distance service, rural residents will enjoy benefits like lower prices, improved service, and advanced technology. Not only that, but real long distance competition will shrink the gap between rural and urban residents, helping close the so-called digital divide --- and everyone will benefit.

But rural residents will continue to wait for the day we have real choice.

I urge you to join me in supporting real competition and true choice for long distance in our state.

Sincerely,



Petra Iverson  
4533 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Martin Sabo

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As someone who works for a large telecommunications company, I am awaiting the day that Qwest receives approval to offer interstate long distance service in our state.

Qwest should be allowed into long distance to help Minnesotans save untold amounts of money from the benefits of long distance competition. Other states that are already benefiting from such competition. Why can't Minnesotans?

For consumers like me, choices in long distance are important. Increased competition brings lower prices, better services, and enhanced technology. It would be wonderful if my company would have the opportunity to help Minnesotans in so many great ways.

I urge you to Qwest's entry into the long distance market.

Sincerely,



Rhonda Jenkins  
7616 Scott Ave. N.  
Minneapolis, MN 55443

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Recently, Qwest was accepted into long distance in 3 more states. Why is Minnesota losing out on a great opportunity?

States surrounding Minnesota already have the option of having Qwest as their long distance carrier. They are saving great amounts of money on their long distance during this tough economic time. I heard that Minnesotans could save nearly \$130 million dollars from increased competition in long distance.

After federal approval, Qwest will be my long distance carrier. Please allow me and the State of Minnesota to save money and get the service that we want.

Please support Qwest's entry into long distance.

Sincerely,



Myrtis Johnson  
1492 Charlten St. Apt 304  
W. St. Paul, MN 55118

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing in support of Qwest's application to re-enter our state's long-distance market. Entrance of the regional Bell company has worked in other states, and it will bring benefits here as well.

Evidence from elsewhere demonstrates that long-distance competition will drive other companies to offer expanded services and lower prices to residential and business customers.

For example, in Pennsylvania, where Verizon has been approved to enter the long-distance business, AT&T offered its residential customers 30 minutes of free long-distance to thank them for being "loyal" customers. AT&T provided similar rewards in Massachusetts about a month after Verizon was allowed to compete for long-distance customers, and also in Kansas and Oklahoma several weeks after SBC entered the long-distance market.

Other states' consumers shouldn't be the only ones to benefit from competition. I hope you will join me in supporting an end to the delays preventing Qwest's efforts to enter our state's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Deborah Johnson  
730 Cook Avenue East  
St. Paul, MN 55106

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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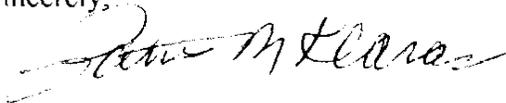
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More long-distance service offerings will drive better prices and quality, and the savings will have a ripple effect throughout Minnesota's economy. Also, long-distance competition by our local phone service company will result in additional jobs being created in the state.

I hope you agree that additional competition for long-distance service in Minnesota is needed, and that you will support efforts to allow local providers to offer long-distance service.

Sincerely,



Patricia Klaras  
6591 Pheasant Run South  
Lino Lakes, MN 55014-1496

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
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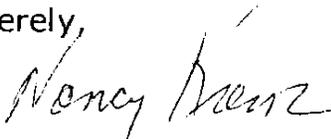
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I have worked in the telecommunications industry for many years and have seen what an impact it has on the economy. Telecommunications plays a vital role to the economy in good times and in bad.

I have been following the different phases of Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long-distance market. I am hopeful to see a change in the long-distance businesses as soon as possible. I realize that many steps have to be taken, but in my opinion, the sooner the better.

Hopefully, we will experience the benefits of Qwest's long-distance services soon. I urge you to join me in supporting real long-distance competition in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Nancy Krenz  
1904 East 115<sup>th</sup> Street  
Burnsville, MN 55337

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have worked for Qwest for over 28 years. I know that telecommunications has a great impact on the economy of our state. In addition, I know that my company can help our state's consumers during this difficult economic period.

I have read that my company could save Minnesotans over \$130 million annually from increased competition in long distance telecommunications. I am hopeful to realize these savings as soon as possible.

I have been following the different phases of Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long distance market. It is time to allow our company to compete. We can generate better services, advanced technology, and lower prices for Minnesota's consumers.

I urge your support for Qwest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Kathy LaFayette*

Kathy LaFayette  
5312 Emerson Ave S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consumers and employees of Qwest will benefit from real competition in long-distance. Qwest is a leading employer in Minnesota. Allowing Qwest to re-enter the long-distance market will help to ensure our jobs.

Also, real competition will benefit consumers because they will be saving money and offered competitive rates on long-distance.

As a Qwest employee and a resident of Minnesota, I strongly support Qwest's request to re-enter the long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Pam Lande  
7061 30<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Oakdale, MN 55128

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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**Qwest has changed management and is moving in the right direction. Yet, we are still being held accountable for mistakes that our past leaders have made. This is just not fair.**

**The new leadership of Dick Notebaert is yielding a stronger focus on business and ethics. He has assured me that Qwest is taking all steps necessary to act fairly and ethically in the market. I know that he will bring Qwest back to a level of respect and admiration.**

**By not allowing Qwest into the market, we are hurting everyone. Consumers, employees, and retirees of Minnesota are all suffering from Qwest not being able to compete in the telecommunications market. We can't let this continue.**

**Minnesota is one of only two states where Qwest has not been allowed to enter the long distance market. I heard somewhere that Minnesotans could save nearly \$130 million from increased competition in long distance.**

**Please support Qwest's entry into long distance.**

Sincerely,



**Marvin Madison  
111 E. Kellogg Blvd #1809  
St. Paul, MN 55101**

**CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please support Qwest's application to provide long-distance in Minnesota.

Many residents have Qwest as their local phone provider. By allowing Qwest to also offer long-distance service, consumers will benefit from the convenience of single billing. Competition in the long-distance market will lead to lower rates, better service, and more technology. Other states have competition in long-distance. Why should Minnesota be left out?

In addition, the leadership team at Qwest is moving the company in the right direction. Qwest's leadership and all of its employees are more committed right now to providing high quality service to its customers.

I hope you will allow Qwest to provide long-distance in our state.

Sincerely,



Judy Maul  
14535 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Plymouth, MN 55447

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

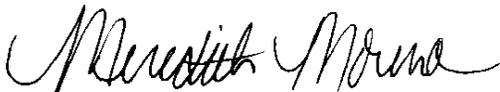
Telecommunications plays a vital role to the economy of Minnesota. The people of Minnesota depend on companies to provide quality services at an affordable price. As a Qwest employee, I know that if Qwest is allowed to enter the long distance market the state will reap the benefits from increased competition.

I have been following the different phases of Qwest's attempts to enter our state's long distance market. I can't wait to see a change in the long distance business as soon as possible.

Hopefully consumers will get the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of Qwest's long distance services soon.

I urge you to join me in supporting real long distance competition in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Meredith Moreno  
448 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S.  
So. Saint Paul, MN 55075

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I believe that Qwest should be allowed to enter the long distance market here in Minnesota. As a consumer, I would like to see my bills bundled all together. It would be so nice to have my local, long distance, and wireless bills all together for easy and efficient payment. People in other states already benefit from having their services bundled. Why can't Minnesotans benefit too?

I believe a strong local service provider is essential to the economy of Minnesota. Allowing Qwest into long distance helps Qwest remain a strong local provider which has always provided me with excellent service.

Please support Qwest's efforts to enter long distance.

Sincerely,



Chuck Niederloh  
9810 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Plymouth, MN 55441  
763.541.1223

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
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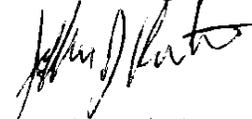
Please allow Qwest to join Minnesota's long-distance market.

By allowing Qwest to provide long-distance service in Minnesota, consumers will benefit from competition. They will see lower rates, better service, and more technology. They will also enjoy the convenience of single-billing. That saves consumers time and money.

Qwest also needs the revenue. It will help the company grow and that is good for our local and state economy.

I hope you will support Qwest's entry into the long-distance market in our state.

Sincerely,



Jeff Kaiche  
15300 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Plymouth, MN 55447

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Senator Norm Coleman  
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Distribution Center

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in our state.

Allowing Qwest into our state's long-distance market will be good for consumers. They will see lower rates, better service, and more technology. Businesses will also benefit from competition in long-distance. Minnesota does not want to lose businesses to other states that have competition in long-distance. Therefore, allowing Qwest to provide long-distance is good for our local and state economy.

I urge you to support Qwest's efforts to provide high quality long-distance service in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Bruce Rannow  
6048 Portland Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55417

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Martin Sabo

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Dear Ms Dortch:

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I have been with Qwest for more than 20 years and I've seen management teams come and go. The current team led by Mr. Notebaert is of the highest caliber and ethical standard.

Qwest is a telecommunications company. I don't understand why we can't sell long distance. Our commitment is to service, quality products and at providing those products and services at an affordable price. Allowing, us to compete in the long distance market will be just like one-stop shopping.

Please endorse our application to offer long distance service. I assure you, Qwest is up to the task.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Rigge*

Sharon Rigge  
1125 North Vincent Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Martin Sabo

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Distribution Center

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We are falling behind others like Iowa and North Dakota that have real competition in long-distance phone service. As long as companies like Qwest are prevented from entering the market, consumers will continue to suffer. They won't be allowed to benefit from the lower prices, improved service, and advanced technology that come with competition.

Meanwhile, other states are enjoying the benefits of competition, including saving millions of dollars a year. Their economies grow, they attract new businesses and consumers see improvements.

I urge you to join me in supporting Qwest's efforts to enter our state's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Wendy Romashko  
3300 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
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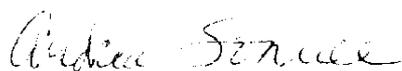
In these uncertain economic times, we should allow our local phone service provider to offer long-distance service in Minnesota. I think we have waited long enough for this to happen, and we need lower prices and better services and products.

I have read that in Iowa and North Dakota, where local providers can offer long-distance services, rates have dropped by at least 10 percent, and it's even spurred more competition among local service providers.

More long-distance service offerings will drive better prices and quality, and the savings will have a ripple effect throughout Minnesota's economy. Also, long-distance competition by our local phone service company will result in additional jobs being created in the state.

I hope you agree that additional competition for long-distance service in Minnesota is needed, and that you'll support efforts to allow local providers to offer long-distance service.

Sincerely,



Andrea Sonnee  
7787 Jeffrey Avenue South  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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145 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20551

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Why do other states have a legitimate choice in long distance service -- and our state does not?

I keep reading that consumers and businesses in our state could save literally millions of dollars a year if we just had true long distance competition. And that includes savings not just on long distance phone bills, but local service as well.

People in many other states are already enjoying competition in long distance. Iowa and North Dakota got it last year, for example, Qwest has been trying to enter the long-distance market for years now -- isn't it about time we allowed them to?

What concerns me is that this lack of competition is costing me money as a consumer, and it's costing my state money. Our economy isn't in such great shape that we can afford to pass up all the new jobs and other benefits that will come our way if we introduce competition. And I know that local businesses are already operating on tight profit margins; they deserve a break.

The truth is, if we don't change things soon, our economy will lag behind. National companies will want to locate where they can take advantage of lower phone prices, plus the technological advances and improved service that always result when competition enters the marketplace.

I am asking you to help get our state on the move again. Please do whatever you can to bring true long distance competition home for all our people.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Stevens  
1006 West County Road D  
New Brighton, MN 55112

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum

  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

New leadership focus of Dick Notebaert, has given credibility to Qwest and changed how they conduct business here in Minnesota. He has made it clear that unethical behavior in any manner will not be tolerated and that Qwest will reprimand any such incidents. Mr. Notebaert has assured me that Qwest is on the right track to providing quality service in an ethical and appropriate manner.

Thus, there is no reason that the people of Minnesota should have to suffer from a lack of competition in the state. I know that Mr. Notebaert and Qwest belong in the telecommunications market. Don't let the people of Minnesota lose out on the opportunity to save money on long distance. Qwest has a new direction and so should the long distance industry. Support competition and Qwest.

I would appreciate your support for Qwest's entry into long distance.

Sincerely,

Bernice Stinski  
7625 59<sup>th</sup> Ave N.  
Crystal, MN 55428

*Bernice Stinski*

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in Minnesota.

As a 24-year employee of Qwest, I feel that allowing Qwest into our state's long-distance market will be good for consumers. They will see lower rates, better service, and more technology. Some consumers will also enjoy the convenience of single-billing. That will save them time and money.

I am also pleased with the new leadership team at Qwest. Everyone at the company is committed to providing excellent customer service.

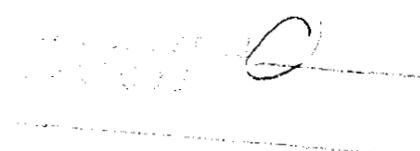
I hope you will allow Qwest to join our state's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Rachelle Wahlberg  
12301 Pierce Street, NE  
Blaine, MN 55434

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Mark Kennedy



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Wednesday, April 16, 2003

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

People like me suffer a tremendous disadvantage each year because we live in a state that doesn't permit competition in long distance service. We're losing money hand over fist.

Isn't it time we changed that situation?

States like Iowa and North Dakota have introduced competition in the last couple of years, and now consumers there are saving millions of dollars. Many other states have also jumped on the bandwagon, and their citizens are now saving money rather than wasting it.

We all know what happens for consumers once competition is introduced — prices drop. It's been proven that's the case when genuine long distance competition arrives on the scene. Customers and businesses start paying less. But they also start receiving more — greater technological advances and improved phone service.

If we don't do something soon, our state is going to fall behind the states that do allow competition in long distance. Companies will transfer their operations to places that don't inflict inflated, monopolistic long distance rates on their people. Economically, we can't afford it.

Now is the time to do something. Please join with other concerned consumers and add your voice to the demand for change. Let's bring real competition to our state's long distance service.

Sincerely,



Dan Walsh  
Transportation Choices Network Coordinator  
626 Selby Ave., Suite A  
St. Paul, MN 55104

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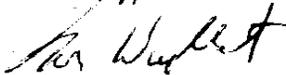
Please support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in our state.

Allowing Qwest to access Minnesota's long-distance market will be good for consumers. They will see lower rates, better services, and more technology. It will also help businesses in Minnesota. We do not want businesses located here to move to other states that have competition in long-distance. Therefore, allowing Qwest to provide long-distance is good for economic development.

I am also pleased with the new leadership team at Qwest. The company's leadership and employees are committed to providing high quality service to Qwest's customers.

I urge you to allow Qwest to enter Minnesota's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Lance Wuollet  
339 Jessamine Avenue East  
St. Paul, MN 55101

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum

  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a Qwest employee, I know that the new leadership with Dick Notebaert has the company on the right track. He has assured employees and consumers that Qwest is changing for the better to continually provide the highest quality products and services. He has also made it clear that any unethical practices will not be tolerated. Please do not let the mistakes of our past leadership affect the ability of Minnesotans to save money and achieve better services through increased competition.

I read that Minnesotans could save nearly \$130 million dollars annually through increased competition in telecommunications and long distance. That is money that our state's consumers and businesses could use! During this difficult economic time, it is important to consider what is best for the consumer. By allowing Qwest to enter the long distance market, all of Minnesota will benefit.

Please support Qwest and the needs of Minnesotans.

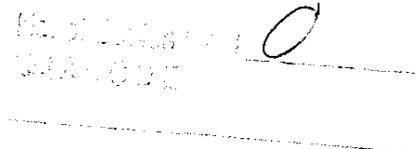
Sincerely,



Claire Young  
1920 Oakdale Ave. #113  
West Saint Paul, MN 55118

CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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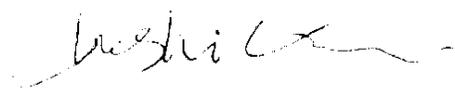
**I am writing in support of Qwest's re-entry into our state's long distance market. I believe that increased competition will help all Minnesotans.**

**As rural residents we face special challenges since it often costs telecommunications companies more money to service them, often with less return on investment. But rural residents like me deserve the same advantages as our friends and relatives in urban areas - and full, fair long distance competition will help.**

**Unfortunately rural residents like me continue to wait, wait, and wait for the day that we have the choice in long distance service and the chance to save money. Meanwhile, other states already enjoy the benefits of increased competition. Why should Minnesotans lose out?**

**Please support Qwest's efforts to enter long distance.**

Sincerely,



**Shashi Xiong  
1836 86<sup>th</sup> Lane NE  
Blaine, MN 55449**

**CC: Senator Mark Dayton  
Senator Norm Coleman  
Congressman Mark Kennedy**

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