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Dear Ms. Dortch:

As an employee of Qwest, I see potential benefits for my company after Qwest is allowed to offer interstate long-distance phone-service in our state.

Other states already enjoy the benefits of long-distance competition, but here we continue to wait. Why? Isn't it about time we all got to enjoy lower prices?

As real competition drives costs down and variety of offerings up, large businesses like the one I work for will see financial benefits and expanded opportunities. In fact, long-distance entry by the local telephone company will result in additional jobs being created in the state across a variety of industries.

Qwest's entrance into our state's long-distance market will mean good news for large businesses and for the economy.

Thank you for your time. I hope you'll join me in supporting real long-distance competition in our state.

Sincerely,

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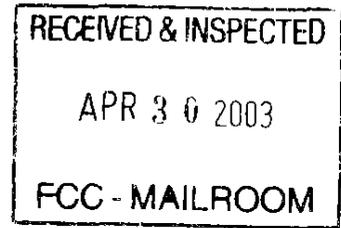
Mary Anderson
605 South 65th Avenue West
Duluth, MN 55807

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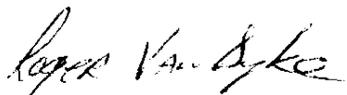
Dear Ms. Dortch:

As an employee of Qwest, I support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in Minnesota.

Other companies are allowed to compete with Qwest for local service. Therefore, it is only fair that Qwest be allowed to compete with those companies in long-distance. Not only will consumers benefit from this increased competition, but the company will benefit as well. It is good for our local and state economy.

Please support Qwest's effort to join Minnesota's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



Roger Van Dyke
5281 Lavaque Junction Road
Hermantown, MN 55811

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consumers will save millions if Qwest is able to sell long-distance in Minnesota and they will have the ease of only one bill for all their services.

As a Qwest employee for two years, it is important that our company keeps jobs and revenue in our state. Our annual payroll makes Qwest one of the largest employers in the state.

I strongly support Qwest's effort to provide long-distance.

Sincerely,



Eric Mattfeld
438 4th Street
Cloquet, MN 55720

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Efforts to bring real long-distance competition to Minnesota have been sluggish compared to attempts in other states. At least 37 other states are currently enjoying the benefits of increased long-distance competition provided by their local phone company. Yet here, we continue to wait? Why?

More competition in the market will encourage the current long-distance carriers to lower their rates and improve their customer service.

I write in hope that you will agree and help phone customers in saving money.

Sincerely,

Charlene Reno

Charlene Reno
211 12th Street
Proctor, MN 55801

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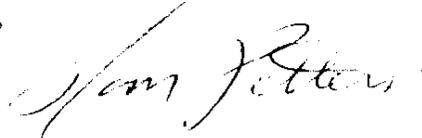
Our company is forced to compete in local service but not allowed to sell long distance. That isn't good for consumers and it isn't good for our company. Not giving Qwest the opportunity to sell long distance is costing jobs and money to the economy. We need to create jobs and improve the economy through competition.

As an employee of Qwest for 2-1/2 years, my job and future can be helped by our company selling long distance services.

Our customers will clearly benefit if we can sell long distance. The Jerry Hausman study says consumers would save nearly \$130 million in Minnesota. Please let us save money and jobs.

I appreciate your attention. Please support Qwest.

Sincerely,



Tom Pettersen
1115 W. Carleton Ave
Cloquet, MN 55720
218.348.6103

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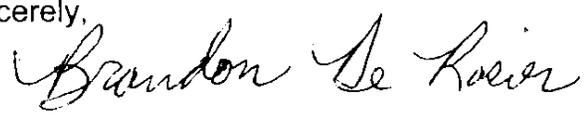
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I support Qwest's effort to provide long-distance service in our state.

By allowing Qwest to join the long-distance market, consumers will benefit from the convenience of single-billing and the absence of access fees. This will save them time and money. Competition in the long-distance market will also lead to lower rates, better services, and more technology.

In addition, the new leadership at Qwest is moving the company in the right direction. Everyone at Qwest is dedicated to providing high quality services to its customers.

Sincerely,



Brandon DeRosier
1936 Woodland Avenue
Duluth, MN 55803

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

There is no question that I want to see my long distance phone bill lowered. The only way that will ever happen is if there is increased competition. In addition, more competition will give consumers better services and enhanced technology. It will also allow customers to be offered and receive services in a bundled package, in one convenient billing.

Qwest should be allowed to enter the long distance market in Minnesota, so that we can realize the benefits that additional competition brings. Other states are already realizing the rewards of competition. Why can't Minnesotans get the same opportunity?

Lack of competition means lost money and lost opportunity for all of consumers of Minnesota. In these economic times, we need all the help we can get.

Support Qwest in their efforts to enter the long distance market.

Sincerely,

Phillip Hillila
307 W. Winona St.
Duluth, MN 55803
218.728.5041

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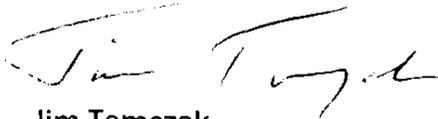
What does competition in business bring? It's obvious. It brings benefits to the consumer. Consumers will achieve better prices, improved services, and advanced technology through competition.

I know a great number of people that would like to save money. All of Minnesota. There is no reason not to support a company that is focused on providing quality service to their customers.

Increased competition would help everyone in the state, not just consumers but businesses too. I realize that the State is facing an economic crisis. Supporting competition in the marketplace is one way that can help our situation and help Minnesotans.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support Qwest's efforts to enter long distance.

Sincerely,



Jim Tomczak
2618 Banks Dr.
Superior, WI 54880

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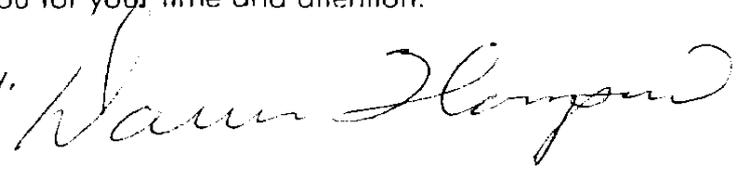
Dear Ms. Dortch:

It's simple, consumers deserve the convenience of one bill for all of their phone services. I know that as a Qwest employee, I think it would be easier for our customers if they could use us for local and long distance service.

There is plenty of competition in local service - now lets bring competition to the long distance market.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Darren Thompson
3542 Prairie 1K Rd.
Wright, MN. 55798

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I support Qwest's application to join Minnesota's long-distance market.

It will be good for our local and state economy if Qwest is allowed to provide long-distance. It will help create good jobs at good wages, which is good for economic development.

Consumers will also benefit from competition in the long-distance market. They will be able to enjoy the convenience of single-billing and no access charges. This is what consumers want. Why should they have to wait any longer?

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Rogge".

Joanne Rogge
4531 Cook Street
Duluth, MN 55804

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

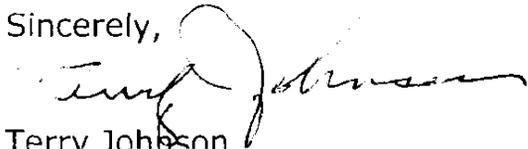
Qwest has made every effort to get rid of the 'bad apples' in company leadership. There is no reason that Qwest should be penalized for a few people's past mistakes. Please do not punish every consumer in Minnesota the benefit of receiving lower prices and improved service.

I know that Qwest is striving for improving service. Allowing Qwest into long distance would achieve just that. Now as consumers, we could get our telephone services in a bundled package that could save us all money and make billing easier.

It is only fair to allow a changing Qwest company the ability to enter into the marketplace and allow consumers to reap the benefits of the increased competition.

Please support Qwest's entry.

Sincerely,



Terry Johnson
2627 W. 13 St.
Duluth, MN 55806

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Our state is losing out, I think it's time we did something about it.

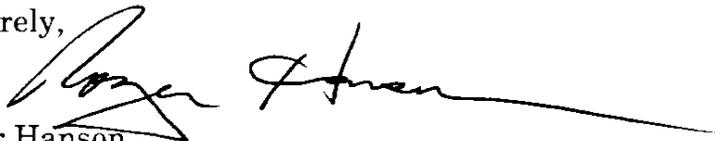
Phone customers in at least 37 other states have a real choice for long distance service while we continue to wait. I've read that in our state, we could save tens of millions of dollars a year -- on both our local and long distance phone bills -- if we simply had real long distance competition.

In New York, customers have had real choices since early 2000. In Texas, since the middle of 2000. And yet, nearly three years later, we continue to wait. Why?

Other states are pulling ahead, leaving us behind. As a consumer in this state, I'm being denied the opportunity to choose among real competitors for my long distance service.

We can't afford to sit still any longer. I hope you agree with me that it's time for real long distance competition in our state.

Sincerely,



Roger Hanson
308 2nd St. SW
Stewartville, MN 55976

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Duluth has three local competitors that offer service, but Qwest cannot compete against them. It is unfortunate that Qwest doesn't have the opportunity to provide lower cost long distance to consumers in the State of Minnesota.

In the state of this economy it is important for companies to have the opportunity to compete in order to survive. Employees of Qwest are already suffering from the conditions of the current economy; taking the long distance opportunity away would simply add to the downward spiral of economy.

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

Sincerely,

David Virginia
5886 N. Pike Lake Rd
Duluth, MN 55811

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

We as Minnesotans, deserve the ability to have solid choices for our long distance service. Through increased competition we would be allowed greater opportunity to save money and gain enhanced services. Other states already have better choices in long distance. Minnesota shouldn't fall further behind everyone else.

I heard that one study said Minnesotans could save almost \$130 million through increased competition in the long distance market. During our economic times, many people including myself, we need to save as much money as possible.

As someone in the industry, I think it is ridiculous that Qwest has been refused the ability to gain approval to offer interstate long distance service in Minnesota. Why should we keep our consumers from saving money and maintaining/creating jobs?

I urge you to support an end to delays preventing real competition in our state's long distance market.

Sincerely,



Joe Aubin
4820 South Shore Dr.
Duluth, MN 55811
218.348.1113

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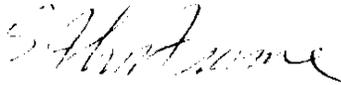
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have been employed at Qwest (Previously NW Bell and USWest) for almost 30 years. I'm a craft employee and have had nothing to do with decisions (bad ones) made by previous managers and CEO's. Don't penalize the current business for something done in the past by the previous company heads.

Allowing Qwest into long distance ensures employment for both telephone workers and the consumers with small businesses, etc.

End the delays and any vendettas against Qwest and help the economy by approving entry to the long distance market.

Thanks for your consideration.



SJ LaFrance
2627 Triggs Avenue
Duluth, Minn. 55811

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The phone company has been forced to live by different rules than our competitors. Now that there is real competition in the local market, Qwest selling long-distance would only be fair.

Let's do what we did in local service in long-distance --- give customers a choice.

In addition, the new leadership team is moving the company in the right direction. Qwest's leadership and its employees are dedicated to providing high quality service to its customers.

Sincerely,

Bob Mosher
302 Stroll Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811

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Dear Ms Dortch:

I am writing this letter to promote Qwest's entry into long distance in Minnesota. I have been an employee of Qwest in Duluth, Minnesota since 1996 and am very grateful for my job since they are becoming quite scarce in the Northland.

I know from my short experience with Qwest just how committed this company is in delivering excellent customer service in all facets of the business. I know that their payroll in this state alone must be huge and has to be a big contributing factor in our economy. Besides being grateful for having my job and benefits, I feel that Qwest is constantly improving service. The benchmark always raises and as employees we are always challenged as we strive to meet it.

I know that Qwest has worked very hard to comply with all aspects of the 271 application and has shown the state that its network and systems are open to competitors. In my opinion, I feel that documentation from the F.C.C., the M.I.T. study and from other sources all point to the fact that it is only fair that Qwest be allowed to enter the long distance arena with its competitors.

I am trusting that you will consider both sides and the benefits to the state and the benefits of the residents and business owners of the state when you make your decision and I also thank you for your time in reading my passionate thoughts on the matter.

Thank you again,



Andrea Shogren
2809 Wicklow St.
Duluth, MN 55806
218-624-0402

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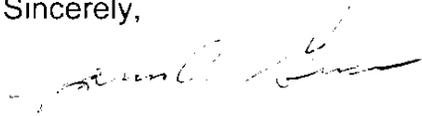
I support Qwest's application to provide long-distance service in Minnesota.

Allowing Qwest to compete for long-distance will be good for consumers. They will benefit from lower rates, better service, and more technology. In addition, consumers will benefit from the convenience of single-billing. That will save them time and money, which is good for our economy.

I am also encouraged by the new leadership team at Qwest. Along with the employees, the new leadership is committed to providing outstanding services to its customers.

Please allow Qwest to provide long-distance service in our state.

Sincerely,



James Gross
1901 Springvale Road
Duluth, MN 55811

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

Other companies are allowed to compete with Qwest for local service. Why shouldn't Qwest be allowed to compete with them for long-distance? Consumers will be benefit from this increased competition. In addition, opening up the long-distance market to Qwest will mean more jobs. That is good for our local and state economy.

I urge you to support Qwest's application to join our state's long-distance market.

Sincerely,

Dan Blomgren
9005 Jensen Avenue South
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

It is time for consumers to benefit in the State of Minnesota. More choice and more competition in long distance usually always equal savings to the consumer. I know that everyone in Minnesota would like to see his or her telephone bills lowered and services enhanced. For companies like mine, more competition also means we'll see financial benefits and expanded business.

If restrictions are lifted so that our local service provider, Qwest, is allowed to offer long distance service, my company will be able to save money and potentially create more jobs right here in Minnesota.

We are falling behind other states that realize the benefits of competition in telecommunication. Please stop that trend. Support Qwest's efforts to enter long distance in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Janet Fellbaum
2323 E. Country Lane Dr.
Superior, WI 54880

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

It is time to allow Qwest access to Minnesota's long-distance market. The company has worked hard to meet all of the requirements necessary to provide long-distance. Qwest has both the expertise and facilities to provide high quality services to its customers.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Tibault
4317 West Beyer Road
Duluth, MN 55803

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to express my support for competitive long-distance service in our community. I believe that consumers should have a variety of long-distance provider alternatives and competitive prices to choose from.

It is time to let Qwest into the Minnesota long-distance market so customers can benefit from competition. Iowa and North Dakota as well as other at least 35 other states are realizing the benefits that come from more competition. Our state should be the next.

I firmly believe Qwest has done all in its power to open competition in the local network and is continually working with the FCC, state regulators and the competitive companies to keep everything above board.

Please support real competition.

Sincerely,

James Rutherford

James Rutherford
809 Rockview Court
Duluth, MN 55804

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

It is only fair that Qwest be allowed to compete with other companies for long-distance. The company has met all of the conditions to enter the long-distance market. Also, if other carriers are allowed to compete with Qwest for local service, Qwest should be able to compete with them for long-distance service.

Please allow Qwest access to our state's long-distance market.

Sincerely,



David Mertes
4609 Jay Street
Duluth, MN 55804

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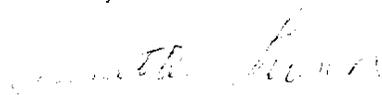
The benefits of competition are evident in other states that Qwest has entered into long distance market— lower prices, improved service, and advanced technology. While these other states absorb these benefits, Minnesota falls behind.

Giving Qwest the opportunity to join the telecommunications long distance marketplace in Minnesota, will yield statewide benefits through improved economic development. Jobs could be lost or gained based on your recommendation. Please let Qwest compete and create a healthy economy in the long distance industry of Minnesota.

I also like to mention that the new leadership of Dick Notebaert will only bring more honesty and better service to consumer in the state. The continued focus on providing the utmost quality to all consumers will remain a central concern to Qwest. Give us a chance to compete and save Minnesotans money.

Please support Qwest in their efforts.

Sincerely,



Annette Larson
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

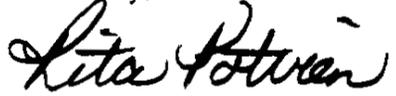
I have worked in the telecommunications industry for many years and have seen what an impact it has on the economy. Telecommunications plays a vital role to the economy in good times and in bad.

It is time for more choice and more competition in the long-distance business. Everyone knows that more competition brings more and better services and lower prices. But for companies like mine, more competition also means we will see financial benefits and expanded business opportunities.

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 business 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 support real long-distance competition in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Rita Potvien
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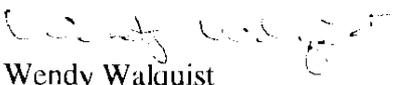
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
455 12th Street, SW
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I support Qwest's application to enter the long-distance market. I am concerned with the poor long-distance choices available to all Minnesotans, especially in rural Minnesota. By allowing Qwest into the long-distance market, Minnesotans will have a greater choice in their long-distance services, more competitive rates, better service, and more technology. This benefits not only urban areas, but rural farms and businesses.

Sincerely,



Wendy Walquist
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Wouldn't it be great to put everything on one piece of paper as a billing statement for phone customers. That is exactly what Qwest would be able to do for me if they were allowed into the long distance market here in Minnesota.

As a consumer having one bill would allow me the ease to manage my finances effectively. I am in full support of Qwest's application to the long distance market, and I think all consumers of Minnesota would benefit too.

Sincerely,



Gary Garman
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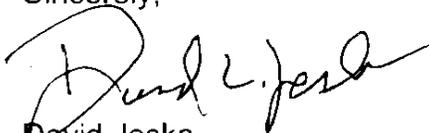
Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

As a Qwest employee, I am particularly pleased with the new leadership team at the company. Under the direction of Dick Notebaert, Qwest is turning the corner and heading in a new direction. There is a whole new feeling at the company and we are optimistic about the future. Qwest's management and employees are dedicated to providing high quality services to its customers here in Minnesota.

I urge you to support consumers in Minnesota by allowing Qwest to compete in the long-distance market.

Sincerely,



David Jeska
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

I have seen the 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.

Sincerely,



Greg Mellesmoen
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 12th Street SW
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I work in supplies and procurement for Qwest and I came to work here for the good wages and good benefits. Now as a company we need to be able to compete for all the services.

I know that if we could package services like our competitors that we could compete as well on an equal level. Personally, I hate writing 3 different checks (wireless, long distance, and local service).

I think it is important to note the new leadership that Dick Notebaert brings to Qwest. He is proving to be a solid leader who is taking the company in the right direction. Notebaert made it clear that he won't stand for unethical practices in business. I am confident that with our new focus Qwest will provide even higher quality service to our consumers.

Please support Qwest's application for long distance service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nick Kirchner".

Nick Kirchner
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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Why are we forced to in local service and not allowed to compete in long distance?

Consumers and employees of Qwest will benefit from real competition in long distance. One study says it will save consumers over \$130 million per year. That is money that our economy can use.

I am confident that the new leadership of Qwest's Dick Notebaert will help to create a new direction for the company. He is a proven leader with a new focus on improving service and competing ethically. Please do not let all of Minnesota suffer for a few past company leader's mistakes.

Please support Qwest's application for long distance.

Sincerely,



Rick Olson
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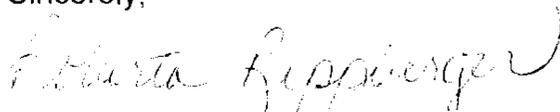
Dear Ms. Dortch:

I would like to express my support for competitive long-distance in our community. I believe that consumers should have a variety of long-distance provider alternatives and competitive prices to choose from.

It is time to let Qwest into the Minnesota long-distance market so customers can benefit from competition. Iowa and North Dakota as well as other 35 other states are realizing the benefits that come from more competition. Our state should be the next.

Please support real competition.

Sincerely,



Roberta Rippberger
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