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

**Re: Western Wireless Corporation Petition for Waiver of
Section 54.314(d) of the Commission's Rules;
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Western Wireless Corp. ("Western Wireless"), Gene DeJordy, Mark Rubin, and the undersigned made a presentation yesterday to Eric Einhorn, Sharon Webber, and Tom Buckley of the Wireline Competition Bureau. The presentation covered the issues addressed in Western Wireless' petition referred to above (filed March 13, 2003) and its reply comments in that proceeding. We also discussed Western Wireless' reliance upon the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's certification that all federal universal service support provided to Western Wireless will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. A copy of that certification filing (dated March 7, 2003) is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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