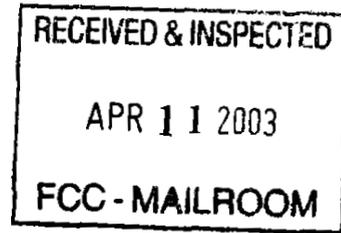


Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
 Federal Communications Commission  
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 Washington, DC. 20554



Dear Ms. Dortch, WC Docket No. 03-90

I am retired from NW Bell/S West/Quest and note with interest that Quest has filed with you an application for permission to offer long distance telephone service to its Minnesota customers.

I urge you to approve Quest's application because it is in the best interest of everyone — employees, retirees, stockholders, and Minnesota telephone customers. I firmly believe this will help to level the telecommunications industry playing field.

Thank you

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Dear Federal Communications Commission;

I'm writing this letter to employ to you on approval for Qwest to enter long distance service in Minnesota . Qwest is, after all, the successor Company that built the network that made it possible To call "long Distance". It is their network, bought and paid for by the workers of Northwestern Bell/US West, now Qwest. A lot of us workers are now retired who live, vote and pay taxes in Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,



Sheila Negaard  
Retired Employee From Qwest