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EX PARTE

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W., TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability*, CC Docket No. 95-116

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 9, 2003, Cronan O'Connell and Gary Lytle, Senior Vice President, Federal Relations, representing Qwest Communications International Inc., met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and his Legal Advisor for Spectrum and International Issues, Barry Ohlson, of the Federal Communications Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss intermodal telephone number portability issues as they relate to local number portability. The discussion was consistent with Qwest's comments as filed on the record in this proceeding and as reflected in the attached presentation.

In accordance with FCC Rule 47 C.F.R. § 1.49(f), this *ex parte* letter is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to FCC Rule 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

Sincerely,
/s/ Cronan O'Connell

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Intermodal LNP Talking Points

1. Qwest is very concerned about wireline consumer and business consequences if the FCC mandates LNP outside the rate center. The FCC should either defer intermodal LNP between wireline and wireless providers and issue an FNPRM or the FCC should affirm that its current rules apply to wireline and wireless intermodal LNP -- it's service provider portability
2. Before we get to the technical and legal issues, we need to discuss the consequences for the wireline consumer. In a nutshell, customer confusion which is not in the public interest. Wireline consumers today understand the boundaries of local and toll calls. Much confusion will occur if LNP is implemented outside the rate center because consumers will now inadvertently make and be billed for toll calls that were once local.
 - a. Customers, in some instances, will not be able to port from a wireless to wireline provider. *"It all depends"* and this is the last thing customers want to hear as they attempt to order service.
 - b. Example where the inaccurate billing can occur
3. Compound that with the LEC Business Consequences
 - a. Disadvantages wireline companies
 - b. Effects local rates
 - c. Requires significant reform of intercarrier compensation
 - d. Requires state commission review
 - e. Could require local switch generic upgrades and network routing modifications in some cases
4. Solution: How can we achieve number portability without negative consequences on consumers or the business?
 - f. Rate centers are the fundamental boundaries under which service provider portability is implemented
 - g. Wireline and Wireless LNP should be implemented within the rate center.
 - h. Customers can even physically move within the rate center and take their telephone number
 - i.
5. Finally, as a legal matter, the Commission can not **change** the definition of LNP through the CTIA petition. This would be a rule change not a clarification.