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***EX PARTE***

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 October 1, 2003, Cronan O'Connell representing Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), and Mary Retka, also of Qwest, met via telephone, the following members of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis: Simon Wilke, Chief Economist, Kathleen Ham, Deputy Chief, Sarah Whitesell, Associate Office Chief, Donald Stockdale, Senior Legal Advisor and Evan Kwerel, Senior Economist. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss intermodal LNP issues. In particular, Qwest discussed: 1) the technical burdens created by changing the LNP rules in place today, coupled with the fact that Qwest does not yet, have a clear definition of how the rules would be changed; 2) the competitive inequities for all providers who implemented LNP according to the Commission's rules, in effect since 1996, should the Commission modify the current LNP rules as currently advocated by the wireless providers; and 3) the fact that the Commission has not yet properly notified the public and the industry of the Commission's potential LNP rule changes and given the public sufficient time to establish a proper record on which it can rely in determining which rule changes are in the public interest. The discussion was consistent with Qwest's comments and *ex partes* as filed on the record.

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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