

October 16, 2003

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation - Western Wireless Corporation (Local
Number Portability - CC Docket No. 95-116)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to advise you that, on October 14, 2003, Gene DeJordy and Mark Rubin of Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless") and the undersigned on behalf of Western Wireless met with Lisa M. Zaina, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. The topic of the meeting were incumbent local exchange carriers' ("ILECs") obligations to provide local number portability ("LNP") to Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers.

In the meeting, Western Wireless described the resistance it has faced in making arrangements to begin porting numbers with many ILECs, especially those operating in rural areas. Western Wireless described the importance of competition to all consumers, including those in rural areas, and urged the Commission to ensure the ILECs are forced to live up to their LNP obligations in the same manner that CMRS carriers have been required to do so.

Pursuant to the Commission's ex parte rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned. No materials were distributed in the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: _____/s/
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cc: Lisa M. Zaina (by email)