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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 Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Inter-Carrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 23, 2004, Andrew Crain and Melissa Newman, in person, and Linda Downey and Dan Hult, via telephone conference bridge, all of Qwest Communications International Inc. ("Qwest"), in separate meetings, met with Christopher Libertelli, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Powell, Scott Bergann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein, Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps and Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy. During the meetings Qwest discussed jurisdictional issues concerning reciprocal compensation for ISP bound traffic, and concerns about the elimination of growth caps, as well as the elimination of new market restrictions for ISP reciprocal compensation bound traffic.

In accordance with Commission 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 proceedings pursuant to Commission Rule 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

Sincerely,  
/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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