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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
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Office of Secretary

Re: Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in
the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area
WC Docket No. 04-223
Notice of Oral and Written Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to report that on August 23, 2005, the undersigned, representing Cox Communications Inc. ("Cox"), provided the attached responses to staff questions to Jeremy Miller. A copy of the email covering the responses also is attached to this letter. Much of the information in the responses also was provided to Mr. Miller during a telephone conversation earlier that day. The responses were provided separately by email to Michelle Carey, legal advisor to Chairman Martin.

The responses contained information for which Cox seeks confidential treatment pursuant to the *Protective Order* issued in this proceeding. The confidential information is marked "REDACTED" on the attached copy of the responses. The confidential portions of Cox's responses are being filed today with the Secretary's Office under a separate cover.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with the Secretary's Office on this date and copies of this letter are being provided to Mr. Miller and Ms. Carey.

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
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Please inform me if any questions should arise in connection with this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



J.G. Harrington
Counsel to Cox Communications, Inc.

Attachment

cc (w/attachment): Michelle Carey
Jeremy Miller

Harrington, J.G.

From: Harrington, J.G.
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 5:52 PM
To: 'jeremy.miller@fcc.gov'
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL - Qwest petition for forbearance (WC Dkt. No. 04-223) - Responses to staff inquiries

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As you requested, I have attached the responses of Cox Communications, Inc. to the staff's latest inquiries concerning Cox's services in the Omaha MSA. Please note that the numerical data in this response is confidential and subject to the protective order in the above-referenced proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, Cox will provide notice of this written ex parte communication by the business day following the date of this message. Cox will submit a redacted version of the attachment to the Commission when it files its ex parte notice.

Please inform me if you have any additional questions or if Cox can provide any additional assistance in this proceeding.

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WC DOCKET NO. 04-223

COX RESPONSES TO STAFF INQUIRY – AUGUST 23, 2005

Cox Communications, Inc. (“Cox”) has been asked to provide additional information concerning its service to customers in the Omaha MSA who require service at the DS-1, DS-3 and OCN level and concerning the enterprise market in the MSA. Cox notes that this information is highly sensitive, but in the interest of providing the Commission with the information it desires to consider the issues in this proceeding, Cox responds to the staff inquiry as follows:

(1) As of the date of this submission, Cox has [REDACTED] DS-1 circuits, [REDACTED] DS-3 circuits and [REDACTED] OCN-level circuits in service in the Omaha MSA. As is common, many of Cox’s high capacity customers purchase multiple circuits.

(2) Cox confirms that it does not keep records of the number of access lines it serves in the business market, but instead tracks the number of voice grade equivalent lines. For these purposes, Cox treats high capacity lines as equivalent to the number of voice channels each such line could support. For instance, a DS-1 is treated as 24 voice grade equivalents.

(3) Cox previously informed the Commission that it estimates that its share of the enterprise market in the portions of the Omaha MSA within its service area is between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] percent. As Cox previously described, measures of market share and customer accessibility are necessarily imprecise. Cox calculated its estimate based on its current annual revenues of [REDACTED] from Omaha customers purchasing DS-1 or higher services from Cox and its estimate that business customers in Omaha likely to purchase DS-1 or higher services spend approximately [REDACTED] annually on telecommunications services. The estimate of spending by such customers was based on Dunn & Bradstreet data for the Omaha MSA as of February 2005.

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