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*EX PARTE*

December 22, 2006

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Petition of Qwest Corporation for Waiver of  
Depreciation Regulation Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.3 – WC Docket  
No. 05-259*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 21, 2006, I spoke, by telephone, with Deena Shetler of the Wireline Competition Bureau regarding the above-captioned waiver proceeding to discuss the potential impact of a technical update to Qwest's 2006 depreciation rates on pole attachment rates. The issues that I discussed included those Qwest has addressed previously in various *ex parte* filings it has submitted in WC Docket No. 05-259.

Please add this *ex parte* to the record for the above-captioned proceeding, pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Philip E. Grate

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