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EX PARTE

February 8, 2007

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

Re: *In the Matter of Petition of Qwest Communications International Inc. for
Forbearance from Enforcement of the Commission's Dominant Carrier
Rules As They Apply After Section 272 Sunset Pursuant To 47 U.S.C.
§ 160, WC Docket No. 05-333*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Qwest submits this ex parte letter to clarify certain aspects of the voluntary commitments set forth in its January 31, 2007 *ex parte* letter. This letter supercedes and replaces the January 31, 2007 *ex parte* letter.

In previous filings, Qwest has emphasized that it believes that the record demonstrates that the provision of interstate interexchange services within the Qwest 14-state region to both business as well as residential customers is intensely competitive, that the restrictions imposed by Section 272 only on Qwest in this region unfairly and unreasonably hamper its ability to compete effectively with wireline, wireless, cable and Voice over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) rivals, and that grant of the forbearance relief sought by Qwest, therefore, is in the public interest, because it will promote competition in the provision of those services and thereby advance the interests of business and residential consumers.

Qwest recognizes that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) previously has emphasized the importance of ensuring that the competitive marketplace is responsive to all customer segments, particularly those who make relatively fewer calls.¹ Qwest has pointed out that today's competitive marketplace had produced calling plans that clearly are

¹ See *In the Matter of Motion of AT&T Corp. to be Reclassified as a Non-Dominant Carrier*, Order, 11 FCC Red 3271, 3305-06 ¶¶ 63-64, 3316 ¶ 85 (1995).

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designed to serve that customer segment and that there is no basis in the record for a claim that such plans would not continue to be offered in the future if Qwest's requested relief were granted. Nevertheless, Qwest is prepared to address any possible concerns regarding the continued availability of such service offerings if the Commission grants Qwest's petition in this proceeding. Specifically, Qwest agrees to abide by the voluntary commitments set forth in the attached document for a period of twenty-four (24) months commencing on the effective date of an order in this proceeding that grants Qwest's forbearance relief.

This submission is made pursuant to Sections 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b) of the rules of the Commission, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.49(f), 1.1206(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT

Qwest Voluntary Commitments

All of the proposed voluntary commitments described herein are enforceable by the Federal Communications Commission and would apply in Qwest's in-region territory, defined herein,² for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of a Commission order in this proceeding that grants Qwest's forbearance relief and would automatically expire thereafter.

- 1) Qwest will freeze the per minute price for its Managed Long Distance Plan³ and 15 Cent Single Rate Plan⁴ for the next 2 years;
- 2) Qwest will not introduce a monthly fee for its Managed Long Distance Plan and will limit any increase in the monthly fee for its 15 Cent Single Rate Plan to \$1.00 for the next 2 years; and
- 3) Qwest will continue to provide, for existing as well as for new and bundled offerings, the same call detail information⁵ that it currently provides to customers of its consumer interstate interexchange service offerings.

² As used herein, the "Qwest in-region territory" means the areas in which Qwest Corporation, the Qwest Bell operating company, is the incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 251(h)(1)(A).

³ The Qwest Managed Long Distance Plan allows residential customers to complete 1+ dialed calls and is provided when the customer wants to manage or limit the amount of long distance calls made each month. This plan permits customers to make up to a pre-determined limit (\$20.00 per month) of long distance calling. There are no monthly fees, but rather all calls are billed at \$0.18 per minute.

⁴ The Qwest 15 Cent Single Rate Plan offering allows residential customers to complete 1+ dialed calls. This plan has a monthly fee that is applied per account (currently, \$0.99) and all calls are billed at \$0.15 per minute.

⁵ The call detail in Qwest residence long distance calling plans is: the date of the call, the time of call, the place called, the number called, the duration of the call, and the charged amount for the call.