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

**RE: *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,***  
**CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 9, 2007, Qwest filed a white paper detailing its proposal for expanding the nation's access to high-speed Internet service and for initiating reform of the Universal Service Fund in the above-referenced docket. A summary of this proposal previously had been submitted by Qwest on June 27, 2007.

Qwest has provided a copy of its white paper to the following members and staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service: Commissioner Larry S. Landis, Commissioner John D. Burke, Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar, State Consumer Advocate Billy Jack Gregg, Joel Shifman and Peter Bluhm.

Pursuant to Sections 1.49(f) and 1.1206 of the FCC's rules, Qwest is submitting this *ex parte* so that it can be included in the record of the above-captioned proceeding.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me using the information reflected in the letterhead.

Sincerely,

/s/ Craig J. Brown

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