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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th 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.

Since the submission of its white paper, Qwest has continued to schedule meetings and have conversations with various members and staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service to discuss its content. Toward this end, on July 11, 2007, Judy Pepler, Don Mason, and Ginny Lang of Qwest, met with Commissioner Baum and Dave Booth of the Oregon Public Utility Commission. In the course of that meeting, they gave Commissioner Baum and Mr. Booth copies of the Qwest July 9th *ex parte* and the proposal summary that was attached to the June 27th *ex parte*. In addition, on July 15, 2007, Wendy Moser of Qwest met with Commissioner Landis to discuss the white paper. The substance of the conversation is reflected in Qwest's earlier written filings at the FCC.

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

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch

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