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

*Re: In the Matter of Qwest and AT&T Petitions for Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c) from Title II and Computer Inquiry Rules with Respect to Broadband Services, WC 06-125*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 28, 2007, Shirley Bloomfield and Melissa Newman met with Commissioner Robert McDowell and John Hunter, Legal Advisor, to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. In the meeting, Qwest explained that relief from tariffing and *Computer Inquiry* obligations for Qwest's broadband services is in the public interest as it would lead to more efficiencies in responding to customer needs.

Qwest noted that it does not have market power in the broadband services market and that relief to compete on equal terms with other market participants will promote competition for broadband service, thereby leading to lower prices and better service for all broadband consumers.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

Copy via email to:  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
John Hunter