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EX PARTE

June 26, 2008

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

Re: *In the Matter of Petitions of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Phoenix and Seattle Metropolitan Statistical Areas, WC Docket No. 07-97*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its letter dated June 23, 2008, TDS Metrocom LLC ("TDS"), takes issue with Qwest Corporation's ("Qwest") June 20, 2008 filing, in which Qwest notes that McLeodUSA, Inc.'s ("McLeod") Nebraska Public Service Commission ("PSC") filing requested permission to stop services to "certain" residential and small business customers, rather than "all" residential and small business customers as represented by TDS in its May 13, 2008 *ex parte*.

Qwest notes that the Nebraska PSC apparently understood McLeod's application as a request to cease providing service to "certain" -- rather than "all" -- residential and small business customers. That is how the Nebraska PSC described the application in the Order approving it. The Nebraska PSC described McLeod's petition as requesting "approval to cease providing local exchange switched voice services in Nebraska for certain residential and small business customers for whom McLeod requires access to last mile loop network facilities."¹ The Nebraska PSC also granted relief as to certain customers, saying "the Commission finds the request to be reasonable and finds that McLeod's local exchange switched voice services for certain customers may be discontinued."²

Notably, TDS does not dispute the fact that McLeod continues to compete for the business customers in Omaha that fit its target market. Nor does TDS challenge the fact that

¹ See Attachment, *In the Matter of the Application of McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, Inc., Hiawatha, Iowa, seeking to cease providing local exchange voice services in Nebraska wire centers*, Opinion and Findings, Application No. C-3922, Granted, May 28, 2008.

² *Id.*

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McLeod's approved application to cease providing service to certain residential and small business customers is consistent with McLeod's nationwide plan to leave that market behind.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daphne E. Butler

Attachment

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3922
of McLeod USA Telecommunications)
Services, Inc., Hiawatha, Iowa,)
seeking to cease providing local) GRANTED
exchange voice services in)
Nebraska wire centers.)
) Entered: May 28, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 11, 2008, McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, Inc., (McLeod) of Hiawatha, Iowa, seeks approval to cease providing local exchange switched voice service in Nebraska to certain residential and small business customers. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 21, 2008. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

By petition received on April 11, 2008, McLeod requested approval to cease providing local exchange switched voice services in Nebraska for certain residential and small business customers for whom McLeod requires access to last mile loop network facilities.

McLeod will begin termination of its remaining residential services on or about June 10, 2008. McLeod will provide all affected customers with notice.

Upon consideration of the request and being fully advised, the Commission finds the request to be reasonable and finds that McLeod's local exchange switched voice services for certain customers may be discontinued.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3922 be, and it is hereby, granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of May, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director