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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Office of the Secretary

RE: *In the Matter of Qwest Communications International Inc. Cable Special Relief
Petition, CSR-7185Z
In the Matter of Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications
Act of 1996, Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket No. 97-80*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 27, 2008, Melissa Newman, in person, and Tiffany Smink, Mary LaFave and Glenda Weibel, by phone, all of Qwest, met with Monica Desai, Nancy Murphy, Steve Broeckaert and Brendan Murray of the Media Bureau to discuss Qwest's petition for an extension of its set-top box integration ban waiver, pending in the above-captioned proceeding, CSR-7185Z.

Qwest explained that special circumstances exist, which warrant extending the set-top box waiver it received a year ago for one set-top box model Qwest uses with its VDSL-based video delivery systems. This waiver extension would keep Qwest from having to cease offering its high-definition (HD) services on its VDSL systems to new customers. Qwest explained that there are no compliant set-top boxes available to Qwest and that there are no plans by any manufacturer to develop any new non-integrated VDSL set-top boxes. Without a waiver, Qwest would have to cease offering HD boxes to new customers and would be unable to replace HD set-top boxes currently used by customers or provide additional HD set-top boxes to existing customers. Qwest requests an extension of the waiver so that customers can continue to receive the benefits of Qwest's presence as a competitive MVPD including lower cable prices, improved customer service and choice of cable providers.

This ex parte is being filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Please contact me at 202.429.3120 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

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