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EX PARTE

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92
In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337
In the Matter of Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, CC Docket No. 99-68
In the Matter of Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers,
WC Docket No. 07-135
In the Matter of Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122

On September 18, 2008, Tim Boucher, Craig Brown, Peter Copeland, Wendy Moser, Lynn Starr and Melissa Newman, all of Qwest, met with Al Lewis, Don Stockdale, Randy Clarke, Jeremy Marcus, Doug Slotten, Jennifer McKee, Lynne Engledow, Jay Atkinson, Katie King, Marcus Maher, Gary Seigel, Jane Jackson, Victoria Goldberg, Greg Guice, Ted Burmeister, Cindy Spiers, Claude Aiken, Nicholas Degani, Matt Warner and Rebekah Goodheart to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss potential approaches to intercarrier compensation reform and universal service reform, as well as Qwest's positions regarding those subjects and the Commission's legal authority to undertake such reform. At this meeting, Qwest also answered the FCC staff's questions regarding the \$.0007 intercarrier compensation proposal filed by Verizon on September 12, 2008. Among other things, we also discussed potential weaknesses in that plan's provisions for ensuring that existing agreements/rulings for lower reciprocal compensation rates or bill and keep not be abrogated, ensuring that an access recovery mechanism adequately takes into account increased reciprocal compensation costs resulting from the plan, and ensuring that current compensation for transiting and signaling not be impacted by such a plan. The discussions at this meeting were consistent with Qwest's past filings in the above-referenced proceedings.

Pursuant to Sections 1.1206 and 1.49(f), 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1206, 1.49(f), of the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* is being filed electronically with the Commission. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 429-3120.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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