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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 October 21, 2008, Lynn Starr and Melissa Newman of Qwest met with Nick Alexander, Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

Qwest discussed the need for intercarrier compensation and universal service reform and expressed its support for a uniform rate.

In particular, Qwest noted that any reform needs to eliminate arbitrage activities like access stimulation and phantom traffic.

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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

Copy via email to:
Nick Alexander