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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 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No.  
96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 1.49(f) and 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, Qwest Communications International Inc. is submitting this *ex parte* so that it can be included in the record of the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

Attachment