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EX PARTE

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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matters of High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 05-337;  
*Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 8, 2010, Melissa Newman of Qwest had two meetings to discuss the above-captioned proceedings. The first meeting was with Jennifer Schneider, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps; the second meeting was with Christine Kurth, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Robert McDowell, and Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Meredith Baker.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the 10th Circuit remand proceeding. Qwest explained again that it does not receive its fair share of federal universal service money because of the faulty methodology used to calculate distribution of the monies. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals twice invalidated the FCC's orders in this area and Qwest urged the FCC to remedy the situation and adopt an order that complies with the court's remand.

This *ex parte* is being filed electronically pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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