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Ms. Frances. Nichols-Anglin
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Re: UM 1217

Dear Ms. Nichols-Anglin:

On behalf of Qwest Corporation and Malheur Home Telephone Co., enclosed please find an original and (5) copies of its Joinder to Staff, OTA's and Verizon's Responses to Motion for Reconsideration, along with a certificate of service.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla".

Carla M. Butler

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1217

In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF OREGON Staff
Investigation to Establish Requirements for
Initial Designation and Recertification of
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to
Receive Federal Universal Service Support

QWEST CORPORATION'S AND
MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE
COMPANY'S JOINDER TO STAFF,
OTA'S AND VERIZON'S RESPONSES
TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Qwest Corporation and Malheur Home Telephone Company hereby agree with and join in the responses that Commission Staff, the Oregon Telephone Association (OTA) and Verizon have recently filed to RCC Minnesota, Inc.'s and United States Cellular Corporation's motion for reconsideration filed on August 14, 2006 in this docket.

DATED: August 29, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing QWEST CORPORATION and MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE CO.'S JOINDER TO STAFF, OTA'S and VERIZON'S RESPONSES TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION was served on the 29th day of August, 2006 via U.S. Mail, by mailing a correct copy to them in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, addressed to them at their regular office address shown below, and deposited in the U.S. post office at Portland, Oregon.

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Dated this 29th day of August, 2006.

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