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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary  
600 E Boulevard Avenue – State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Confidentiality Request for Fargo Waiver Request Attachments

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Qwest seeks confidential treatment of the documents attached to the Fargo Numbering Waiver Request. This information includes a customer request to Qwest for 500 sequential telephone numbers, Qwest's application to NeuStar for numbering resources which was denied, and the required supporting documentation.

The documents contain specific information about Qwest's operations and resources in the Fargo, ND area. The information includes details on Qwest's numbering resources in Fargo where Qwest does not have the numberings resources to meet the needs of this specific customer. The documentation also includes Qwest's projections of its future numbering resource utilization – information it is required by FCC rules and numbering guidelines to submit to NeuStar with its application for additional numbering resources. NeuStar treats such information as confidential. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive and its public disclosure would place Qwest at a competitive disadvantage.

The information at issue is proprietary to Qwest and its customer. It is available from Qwest only to those employees and representatives of Qwest who have a need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities. Qwest does not disclose this information outside the company except pursuant to the terms of strict agreements or orders to maintain the confidentiality of the information. Both NANPA and the Pooling Administrator, NeuStar affiliates treat such information as confidential.

Competitors or potential competitors of Qwest would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.

Competitors and potential competitors of Qwest in North Dakota include AT&T, Verizon, McLeod, Sprint and any other provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota.

Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for confidentiality.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact me at any time.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin D. Manwarren', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Mr. Kent Blickensderfer