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*RE: In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation Regarding the Sale and Transfer of Qwest Dex to Dex Holdings, LLC, a non-affiliate,  
Docket No. UT-021120 – Waiver of Objection to Participation*

TO COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Ms. Paula Strain was selected to become the Commission's Telecommunications Policy Specialist, effective December 2, 2002. In her new position, she is responsible for advising the Commissioners on a variety of telecommunications matters, including matters in pending adjudications involving telecommunications companies. As you know, Ms. Strain formerly held the position of Telecommunications Expert with the Commission. In that role, she primarily served as a member of Commission advocacy Staff, not Policy Staff.

Ms. Strain has had limited involvement in this docket as a member of advocacy staff. She participated in one early negotiation session at which discovery concerns and preliminary matters were discussed (November 4, 2002). She participated in one telephone conference call with witnesses of Public Counsel and the Department of Defense (November 15, 2002). She has read Qwest's application, and Qwest's responses to certain data requests of Public Counsel.

The Commissioners want Ms. Strain to assist them as an advisor in this proceeding, if the parties have no objection to her providing such assistance. Please let us know whether you, on behalf of your respective clients, object to Ms. Strain's participation in this docket as an advisor to the Commissioners, considering the scope of her involvement described above. Please respond by January 10, 2003, so that the Commission can plan appropriately.

Sincerely,

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