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*RE: In the Matter of the Application of US WEST, INC., and QWEST  
COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. For an Order Disclaiming  
Jurisdiction, or in the Alternative, Approving the US WEST, INC., - QWEST  
COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL, INC. Merger  
Docket No. UT-991358*

Dear Mr. Swanson and Mr. Sherr:

On July 30, 2004, Mr. Swanson, on behalf of Commission Staff, filed a draft order directing the reporting of certain information, pursuant to footnote 7 of the Sixteenth Supplemental Order in the docket.

Subsequently, Mr. Sherr informally requested the opportunity to discuss terms of the order with Staff. The request is consistent with Commission processes, and was granted.

The Records Center does not show any activity on this topic after that date. Are the parties agreed that the Staff proposal is appropriate for Commission to enter? The parties are requested to **respond within 10 days** of this letter with a report on the status of any discussions.

Sincerely,

C. ROBERT WALLIS  
Administrative Law Judge