



March 11, 2003

President Paul Kjellander
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case No. QWE-T-02-25

Dear President Kjellander:

The Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce supports Qwest Corporation's bid to deregulate pricing in the seven urban areas within its southern Idaho territory.

The Idaho Telecommunications Act states the Idaho Public Utilities Commission shall cease regulating basic local exchange rates when the incumbent telephone corporation, or Qwest, can show that effective competition exists for local calling.

From a business perspective, cell phone usage has grown dramatically the past several years. Many businesses rely on cell phones for the vast majority of their business calls. In fact, cell phones have become the primary phone for these individuals.

Also, from a chamber of commerce perspective, telecommunications infrastructure is a critical component in economic development. Currently, the Chamber is providing assistance to Senator Hal Bunderson and the Senate Local Government & Taxation Committee in its research and analysis of broadband issues and telecommunications for future economic development in Idaho.

The Boise Metro Chamber thanks the Public Utilities Commission for conducting these workshops across southern Idaho and appreciates the opportunity to comment on this deregulation application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nancy Vannorsdel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Vannorsdel,
President & CEO

cc: Commissioner Dennis Hansen
Commissioner Marsha Smith

Jean Jewell

From: Ed Howell
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2003 3:27 PM
To: Jean Jewell; Ed Howell; Gene Fadness; Tonya Clark
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Case: RATE INCREASE HEARING
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Comment_description: QWEST has requested a rate increase under the pretense that the increased use of cellular telephones is hurting their PROFIT margin. 1. Why should the consumer pay for a top heavy business structure? Also the management is OVER paid.
2. Why should the consumer pay for the BAD market forecasting done by QWEST?
3. QWEST services are overpriced when compared to cellular rates-- cellular plans with comparable cost to QWEST plans include 300 to 1000 minutes of long distance calling at no additional charge.

I OPPOSE any rate increase for local residential telephone service.

Thank you,
Denis Freudenthal

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