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ALLARD SUPPORTS Qwest/U.S. West MERGER SAYS MERGER WILL BE GOOD FOR COLORADO AND THE NATION

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today said he supports the pending Qwest/U.S. West merger and is hopeful the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) will act expeditiously to approve the merger early next year.

“I was pleased to read that the Department of Justice and the Securities Exchange Commission have determined that no further review of the Qwest Communications and U.S. West merger is necessary,” Allard said. “With this review completed my hope is that the Federal Communications Commission will act quickly early next year to approve the merger.”

Allard, who in June outlined concerns he hoped would be addressed in the merger talks between the two telecommunication giants, said he is confident the merger between Qwest and U.S. West is in the best interests of customers in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region.

“I believe the merger will bring a new commitment to customer service and enhanced access to state of the art telecommunication,” added Allard. “The Qwest/U.S. West merger will also foster new economic growth and competition in the Rocky Mountain region.”

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