



May 10, 2006

Governor Bill Owens
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203-1792

FAX 970-375-5018

Mayor
Sidny Zink

Mayor Pro-Tem
Doug Lyon

City Council Members
Dale Garland
Renee Parsons
Tom Howley

City Manager
Robert F. Ledger, Jr.

Dear Governor Owens,

The City of Durango strongly supports the efforts of the Town of Silverton, San Juan County and Operation Link Up to bring fiber optic service to Silverton.

As you know, in 2000 there began a state-wide initiative, the MNT (Multi-Use) Network to bring fiber backbone to every county and county seat in the state. Six years later, San Juan County, the poorest, most remote and least populated area of Colorado, has still not been reached with the fiber optic line which has been stalled approximately 16 miles south of Silverton, the county seat since the September of 2003.

It appears that Silverton and San Juan County have been overlooked for completion of this project. The health of Silverton's economy and government are important to the City of Durango, and we, the Durango City Council, urge you to take action on this matter immediately. Please see to it that Qwest fulfills its important obligation to the citizens of San Juan County by completing the last 16 miles of the fiber optic system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sidny Zink".

Mayor Sidny Zink and the Durango City Council

CC: Rep. Mark Larson
State Capitol, 200 E. Colfax Ave.
Room 317
Denver CO 80203

Sen. Jim Isgar
Room 332
State Capitol, 200 E. Colfax Ave.
Denver, CO 80203