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Honorable Samuel Petrillo
Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: UM 1140 (BCT rate center consolidation)- Request for Extension of Briefing Dates

Dear Judge Petrillo:

At the January 27, 2005 hearing in this matter, the parties agreed to a post-hearing briefing schedule that calls for simultaneous opening briefs to be filed on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, and simultaneous reply briefs to be filed on Friday, April 15, 2005. Because I will be in the Midwest on a family matter, and thus will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15, 2005, Beaver Creek's attorney Rick Finnigan has graciously agreed to my request for a slight continuance of both the March 15th opening post-hearing brief due date and the April 15, 2005 reply due date, subject to Your Honor's permission, of course.

Accordingly, this is to kindly request that Your Honor extend the March 15th opening post-hearing brief due date to Thursday, March 17, 2005, and the April 15, 2005 reply date to Monday, April 18, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex M. Duarte". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alex M. Duarte

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

UM 1140

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of March, 2005, I served the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION'S LETTER TO THE HONORABLE SAMUEL PETRILLO REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in the above entitled docket on the following persons via U.S. Mail, by mailing a correct copy to them in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, addressed to them at their regular office address shown below, and deposited in the U.S. post office at Portland, Oregon.

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