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RE: Docket IC 8, *Wantel v. Qwest*; Docket IC 9, *Pac-West v. Qwest*

Gentlemen:

On December 15, 2004, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon (Court) issued an opinion and order in *Qwest Corporation v. Universal Telecom, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 04-6047-AA (*Universal* decision). Among other things, the Court addressed issues relating to compensation for transport facilities and VNXX traffic. As you know, these are disputed issues in these dockets.

I would like the parties to discuss the impact of the *Universal* decision on the disputed issues. After you have had the opportunity to confer, please contact my legal secretary, Frances Nichols Anglin, so that she may schedule a telephone conference. At the conference, I will determine what additional procedural steps should be taken in light of your discussions.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Petrillo
Administrative Law Judge