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Honorable Christina Smith  
Administrative Law Judge  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
P. O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: UM 1168 – Qwest’s Proposed Issues List

Dear Judge Smith:

In light of Staff’s August 30, 2004 Staff Report recommending that the Commission open this docket, and consistent with the Department of Justice’s August 19, 2004 legal memorandum and analysis to Commission Chairperson Lee Beyer, Qwest submits its Proposed Issues List:

1. Is the Stipulation between Qwest and Staff consistent with Oregon law and in the public interest?
2. If the answer to Issue 1 above is yes, should the Commission approve the Stipulation in an order and close this docket?

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alex M. Duarte", written over a printed name.

Alex M. Duarte

cc Service List (via email)