

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1168

In the Matter of)
)
An investigation into Qwest Corporation)
(and possibly other parties)'s failure to file)
interconnection agreements for)
Commission approval under Section)
252(a)(1) of the Telecommunications Act.)

RULING

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SUSPENDED

The schedule set in this docket contemplates that the parties would file two rounds of issues lists, a ruling on the issues list would be issued, and then another prehearing conference would be held to set the schedule for the rest of the docket. In their November 30 filings, Staff suggested, and Qwest agreed, that "the ALJ may want to suspend scheduling future events in this case until the stipulation is finalized." I interpret that statement as a motion to suspend the schedule.

The motion is granted for 60 days. At the end of that period, Staff is requested to submit an update on whether this case should proceed or be further suspended. The schedule will be suspended up to 180 days, at which time the parties should either be prepared to proceed, or state why the case should not be dismissed.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 9th day of December, 2004.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge