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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Administrative Law Judge Sarah Wallace
Oregon Public Utility Commission
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: ARB 830

Dear Administrative Law Judge Wallace:

The purpose of this letter is to seek clarification and additional information in order that CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. ("CenturyTel") can better consider the appropriate procedure to be followed in exercising its rights under ORS 756.568 and ORS 756.558. During the course of the telephone conference on December 11, 2008, you made a statement to the effect that the Commission is aware that CenturyTel is or was providing the form of interconnection to other carriers that is being sought by Sprint in this case. We recognize that this is a paraphrasing of what was said, but it is how Mr. Moorman and I understood the import of the statement.

Following the telephone conference, those persons within CenturyTel responsible for interconnection matters, particularly interconnection agreements, have been reviewing this matter. That review is focused on determining whether any CenturyTel interconnection agreement exists that would provide a factual basis for the statement. At this time, CenturyTel has not been able to establish a factual basis for the statement in question.

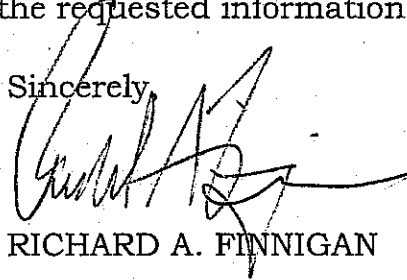
As a result, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission provide the nature of the information and the source of the information that would lead the Commission to believe that CenturyTel was or is providing a form of interconnection to other carriers such as that being sought by Sprint in

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this case. This information is needed before CenturyTel can be in a position to request the opportunity to be heard as authorized by ORS 756.568 or to request other rights provided for under applicable statutes. Due to the conference call that is scheduled on Wednesday, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the requested information be provided to CenturyTel sufficiently prior to such conference call to allow Mr. Moorman and myself to evaluate the information and thus to provide CenturyTel's position in response thereto to you and Counsel for Sprint.

Thank you in advance for providing the requested information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Finnigan", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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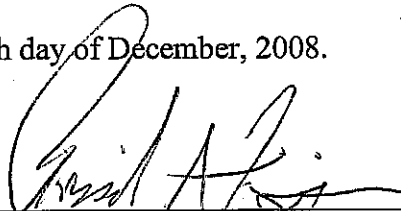
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Dated at Olympia, Washington, this 15th day of December, 2008.


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