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Re: UM 1397

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Enclosed for filing in the above entitled matter please find an original and (5) copies of the **STIPULATION BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND COMMISSION STAFF TO MODIFY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER NO. 03-609 FOR PRICE CHANGES TO MESSAGE TOLL SERVICES**, along with a certificate of service. Please note Mr. Weirich's signature on the Stipulation (Exhibit 3, page 5) is a copy. His original signature will be sent to you under separate cover when I receive it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla M. Butler

CMB:  
Enclosure



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON

UM 1397

In the Matter of

QWEST CORPORATION

Petition to Eliminate or Modify Notification  
Requirements in Order No. 03-609 for Price  
Changes to Message Toll Services

**QWEST/OPUC STAFF JOINT  
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF  
STIPULATED SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT**

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Exhibits:

- EXHIBIT 2 - Qwest’s Petition to Eliminate or Modify Notification Requirements in Order No. 03-609 for Price Change to Message Toll Services
  
- EXHIBIT 3 - Stipulation between Qwest Corporation and Commission Staff to Modify Notification Requirements in Order No. 03-609 for Price Changes to Message Toll Services.



1 and regulatory areas. I was responsible for ensuring economic pricing  
2 relationships between and among U S WEST's product lines, including telephone  
3 exchange service, long distance, and switched/special access services.  
4 I represented U S WEST, both as a pricing policy witness, and as the lead  
5 company representative, in a number of state regulatory and industry pricing and  
6 service unbundling workshops. Subsequently, I managed an organization  
7 responsible for the economic analyses and cost studies that supported  
8 U S WEST's tariffed product and service prices and costs before state and federal  
9 regulators.

10 I have also managed U S WEST's interconnection pricing and product strategy  
11 and the interconnection negotiation teams that were responsible for negotiating  
12 interconnection and resale contracts with new local service providers. Also,  
13 I managed U S WEST's cost advocacy and witness group, which was responsible  
14 for providing economic cost representation in telecommunications forums,  
15 workshops and regulatory proceedings. Finally, prior to my current position,  
16 I was responsible for state regulatory finance issues and, specifically, the  
17 development and implementation of Qwest's performance assurance plans in  
18 conjunction with its Section 271 applications.

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20 **JOHN REYNOLDS**

21 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND**  
22 **EMPLOYMENT.**

23 A. My name is John Reynolds. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
24 (Commission) employs me as a Senior Telecommunications Analyst. My  
25 business address is 550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215, Salem, Oregon 97301-2551.

1 **Q. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

2 A. My present responsibilities include analysis of telecommunications tariff filings,  
3 rate case filings, unbundled network element costs, and auditing of telephone  
4 company financial reports.

5 **Q. BRIEFLY OUTLINE YOUR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**  
6 **BACKGROUND.**

7 A. I received an M.S. in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University,  
8 and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, also from Stanford University.  
9 I completed the Duke University-Pacific Bell Management Development  
10 Program. I have been employed as a Senior Telecommunications Analyst with the  
11 Commission since 1998. From 1994 to 1998, I was Principal Consultant of  
12 Decision Consulting Associates, performing economic decision and risk analysis.  
13 I was employed by Pacific Bell for 27 years. At Pacific Bell I held various  
14 positions in cost allocation methods, process redesign, maintenance engineering,  
15 capital budget management, long range planning, transmission engineering and  
16 equipment cost estimating.

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**II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

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**Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS JOINT TESTIMONY?**

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A. In accordance with OAR 860-014-0085(4), this joint testimony is submitted to explain and provide support for a stipulated settlement agreement (Exhibit 3) between Qwest and Commission Staff regarding a petition filed by Qwest on October 28, 2008 (Exhibit 2) to eliminate or modify the notification requirements in OPUC Order No. 03-609, Docket UX 28, for price changes to message toll services (MTS).

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**III. QWEST'S PETITION**

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**Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN QWEST'S PETITION.**

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A. Qwest's petition seeks to eliminate or modify the notification requirements in Order No. 03-609, Docket UX 28, for price changes to message toll services (MTS). Order No. 03-609, issued by the Commission October 16, 2003, approved a stipulation between Qwest and Commission Staff to exempt from regulation certain Qwest intraLATA toll services and related services. There were several conditions in the stipulation which the Commission approved, including Section 3, which were the conditions for the exemption from regulation of Qwest's MTS services (intraLATA toll services in Oregon). One of those conditions pertained to notification of price changes to any MTS rate.

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Specifically, Condition 2 provided as follows:

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Qwest shall notify the Commission of any price changes to any MTS rate *within thirty (30) days of any such price change.* (Emphasis added.)

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1 Qwest will provide its MTS customers with written notification, at Qwest's  
2 expense, of increases in its standard intraLATA MTS service charges at least  
3 thirty (30) days prior to implementation. The following language should be  
4 used in the notice to customers: "Qwest's local long distance rates will be  
5 raised by xx % on 'Month' xx, 200x. Alternative providers of long distance  
6 plans are available. Additional information is available at the Oregon Public  
7 Utility Commission's website, [www.puc.state.or.us](http://www.puc.state.or.us)." *Qwest may file a*  
8 *petition with the Commission to eliminate or modify this notification*  
9 *requirement in the future.* (Emphasis added.)

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11 Qwest will notify its MTS customers that the Commission has deregulated  
12 MTS. Qwest will issue the notice at its own expense.

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14 Such notices should be displayed on page 1 of any bill or bill insert and in the  
15 same font size as the text of the bill message or bill insert.

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17 Copies of all customer notices shall be sent to the Commission within thirty  
18 (30) days of when they are first sent to customers. Order No. 03-609,  
19 Appendix A (Stipulation), pp. 3-4 (of 6).

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21 As shown above, the condition regarding at least 30 days' customer notification  
22 of price changes to MTS services expressly provides that "Qwest may file a  
23 petition with the Commission to eliminate or modify this notification requirement  
24 in the future." Qwest's petition requests that the Commission eliminate the  
25 notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to MTS. In the  
26 alternative, Qwest requests the Commission modify the notification requirements  
27 in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to MTS to be consistent with the  
28 "reasonable notice" requirement for customer notification set forth in the price  
29 plan stipulation for per-call services.

30 **Q. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR QWEST'S PETITION?**

31 A. Qwest states that in its price plan (Docket UM 1354), approved by the  
32 Commission in Order No. 08-408, one of the conditions for services purchased on  
33 a per-call basis, like MTS, is that Qwest will give reasonable notice to the

1 customer of the price prior to the customer's use of the service.<sup>1</sup> Qwest reasons  
2 that it is perhaps ironic that it has a more stringent customer notification  
3 requirement (at least 30 days' advance notice) for an *exempted* (or *unregulated*)  
4 service (MTS) than it does for other services ("reasonable notice") that remain  
5 *regulated* (services purchased on a per-call basis) under the price plan. Qwest  
6 states that if it is in the public interest for these regulated services to have only a  
7 condition of "reasonable notice" for a price change, the same should hold true for  
8 unregulated (deregulated) services like intraLATA toll (MTS).  
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10 Qwest also states that in today's fast-moving marketplace, in which it has only a  
11 very small share of the total Oregon intraLATA toll market, that 30 days' notice  
12 for a change in a price for a service that is exempt from regulation is not  
13 necessary. Moreover, Qwest contends that a long customer notification  
14 requirement hampers Qwest's efforts to remain competitive on such services vis-  
15 à-vis its many competitors, who, like Qwest, provide similar unregulated services,  
16 but who, unlike Qwest, do not have customer notice requirements at all if they  
17 decide to change any MTS price.  
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#### 19 IV. STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

20 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

21 A. In accordance with the procedural schedule in Docket UM 1397, the parties  
22 convened a settlement conference on December 15, 2008. At the conference,  
23 Qwest and Staff reached settlement on Qwest's petition subject to the following  
24 conditions proposed by Staff:

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 08-408, Exhibit A (Stipulation, p. 7 of 12, Section III.Q).

1           1.     Notification to Qwest's MTS customers: Qwest will provide reasonable  
2           prior notice to its MTS customers of changes to its intraLATA MTS  
3           service charges.

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5           2.     Notification to the Oregon PUC:

6           a.     Qwest shall notify the Commission of any changes to its  
7           intraLATA MTS service charges on or before the date Qwest notifies its  
8           customers.

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10          b.     Qwest will provide to the Commission at least 30 days prior to any  
11          changes to its intraLATA MTS service charges proposed language to be  
12          used in its notification to customers. This language may provide  
13          placeholders for the actual price information (e.g., local long distance rates  
14          will be raised by \$.0.xx on xx/xx/xxxx date.) However, if Qwest uses the  
15          following language below, this language will be deemed acceptable by the  
16          Commission:

17                   Notice: Effective [date], Qwest's local long distance rates for  
18                   [product name] is increasing from \$0.xx to \$0.xx per minute. If  
19                   you have any questions regarding this rate change, your service or  
20                   would like a free account review, please call us at 1-8xx-xxx-xxxx.

21          The parties memorialized this settlement in the Stipulated Settlement Agreement  
22          ("Settlement Agreement") attached to this testimony as Exhibit 3. In accordance  
23          with the Settlement Agreement, the parties request that the Commission modify  
24          Condition 2 in Section 3 of the stipulation approved in Order No. 03-609 in its  
25          entirety and replace it with the conditions set forth in the immediately previous  
26          recital above.

27   **Q.     WHAT BENEFIT DOES THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

28   A.     The settlement provides more flexibility for Qwest to notice its customers of toll  
29     price changes, consistent with the flexibility enjoyed by its competitors.

30     Furthermore, the settlement provides that the Commission will receive advance  
31     notice of toll rate changes by Qwest. The prior notice requirement in UX-28 only

1           required Qwest to provide notice to the Commission within 30 days of a toll rate  
2           increase.

3   **Q.    DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

4   **A.    Yes, it does.**

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Docket UM \_\_\_\_

In the Matter of

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Requirements in Order No. 03-609 for Price  
Changes to Message Toll Services

**QWEST'S PETITION TO ELIMINATE  
OR MODIFY NOTIFICATION  
REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER  
NO. 03-609 FOR PRICE CHANGES TO  
MESSAGE TOLL SERVICES**

Pursuant to OAR 860-013-0020 and Condition 2 of Section 3 of the Stipulation approved in Order No. 03-609 in Docket UX 28, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") hereby respectfully petitions the Commission to eliminate or modify the notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to message toll services (MTS). The primary reasons for this petition is a result of changing market conditions that require Qwest to have additional flexibility and regulatory freedom when making price changes to MTS services.

**PERTINENT BACKGROUND**

**A. Order No. 03-609 and the condition for notice of price changes to MTS services**

On October 16, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 03-609, in which it approved a stipulation of Qwest and Commission Staff to exempt from regulation certain Qwest intraLATA toll services and related services. See Order No. 03-609, Docket UX 28. There were several conditions in the stipulation which the Commission approved, including Section 3, which were the conditions for the exemption from regulation of Qwest's MTS services (intraLATA toll services in Oregon). One of those conditions pertained to notification of price changes to any MTS rate.

Specifically, Condition 2 provided as follows:

#### Notification

Qwest shall notify the Commission of any price changes to any MTS rate *within thirty (30) days of any such price change.* (Emphasis added.)

Qwest will provide its MTS customers with written notification, at Qwest's expense, of increases in its standard intraLATA MTS service charges at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation. The following language should be used in the notice to customers: "Qwest's local long distance rates will be raised by xx % on 'Month' xx, 200x. Alternative providers of long distance plans are available. Additional information is available at the Oregon Public Utility Commission's website, [www.puc.state.or.us](http://www.puc.state.or.us)." *Qwest may file a petition with the Commission to eliminate or modify this notification requirement in the future.* (Emphasis added.)

Qwest will notify its MTS customers that the Commission has deregulated MTS. Qwest will issue the notice at its own expense.

Such notices should be displayed on page 1 of any bill or bill insert and in the same font size as the text of the bill message or bill insert.

Copies of all customer notices shall be sent to the Commission within thirty (30) days of when they are first sent to customers. Order No. 03-609, Appendix A (Stipulation), pp. 3-4 (of 6).

As shown above, the condition regarding at least 30 days' customer notification of price changes to MTS services expressly provides that "Qwest may file a petition with the Commission to eliminate or modify this notification requirement in the future." However, Qwest had not made any price changes to its MTS services in Oregon since Order No. 03-609.

#### **B. Order No. 08-804 and the reasonable notice condition**

Earlier this year, the Commission approved a stipulation of the parties in Docket UM 1354 in which the parties (Qwest, Staff, the Citizens' Utilities Board ("CUB"), the Telecommunications Ratepayers Association for Cost-based and Equitable Rates ("TRACER") and certain CLECs) stipulated to a price plan under ORS 759.220 to govern Qwest's retail prices. See Order No. 08-408 in Docket UM 1354. One of the conditions of that price plan is

that for services purchased on a per-call basis, Qwest will give reasonable notice to the customer of the price prior to the customer's use of the service." See Order No. 08-408, Exhibit A (Stipulation), p. 7 of 12, section III.Q.

**C. Recent price changes to various services**

Recently, Qwest made certain price changes pursuant to the authority provided in the stipulation approved in Order No. 08-408 in Docket UM 1354. Qwest provided the required customer notification for such price changes in accordance with the stipulation approved in Order No 08-408.

**DISCUSSION**

In light of the recent regulatory freedoms that Qwest gained in the price plan order in Order No. 08-408, and the changes in the telecommunications market in the five-plus years since Order No. 03-609, Qwest respectfully submits that there is good cause to eliminate or modify the UX 28 condition that Qwest provide at least 30 days' notice for any price changes to intraLATA MTS services in Oregon. In today's fast-moving marketplace, especially in which Qwest has only a very small share of the total Oregon intraLATA toll market, Qwest submits that 30 days' notice for a change in a price for a service that is exempt from regulation is not necessary. Moreover, such a long customer notification requirement hampers Qwest's efforts to remain competitive on these services vis-à-vis its many competitors, who, like Qwest, provide similar unregulated services, but who, unlike Qwest, do not have customer notice requirements at all if they decide to change any MTS price.

Moreover, it is perhaps ironic that Qwest has a more stringent customer notification requirement (at least 30 days' advance notice) for an *exempted* (or *unregulated*) service (MTS) than it does for other services ("reasonable notice") that remain *regulated* (services purchased on

a per-call basis) under its recent price plan. If it is in the public interest for these regulated services to have only a condition of “reasonable notice” for a price change, the same should hold true for unregulated (deregulated) services like intraLATA toll (MTS).

Accordingly, Qwest respectfully submits that the Commission eliminate the notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to MTS. In the alternative, Qwest respectfully submits that the Commission should modify the notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to MTS to be consistent with the “reasonable notice” requirement for customer notification set forth in the price plan stipulation for per-call services.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, Qwest respectfully submits the Commission should grant Qwest’s petition to eliminate or modify the notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to message toll services (MTS).

DATED: October 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing **QWEST'S PETITION TO ELIMINATE OR MODIFY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER NO. 03-609 FOR PRICE CHANGES TO MESSAGE TOLL SERVICES** by placing a copy of same in a sealed, first-class postage-prepaid envelope deposited with the United States Postal Service at Portland,

Oregon and addressed to:

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Assistant Attorney General  
Oregon Department of Justice  
Office of the General Counsel  
100 Justice Building  
1162 Court St. NE, Room 100  
Salem, OR 97302

Mr. Bryan Conway  
Director, Telecommunications Services  
Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff  
P. O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

DATED: October 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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**STIPULATION BETWEEN QWEST  
CORPORATION AND COMMISSION  
STAFF TO MODIFY NOTIFICATION  
REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER NO. 03-  
609 FOR PRICE CHANGES TO  
MESSAGE TOLL SERVICES**

This Stipulation is entered by and between petitioner Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Staff”) in resolution of Qwest’s petition to eliminate or modify notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to Message Toll Services (MTS) filed on October 28, 2008 and docketed as UM 1397.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this docket and to this Stipulation are Staff and Qwest.

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 03-609, in Docket UX 28, in which the Commission approved a stipulation of Qwest and Staff to exempt from regulation certain Qwest intraLATA toll services and related services.

**WHEREAS**, the stipulation approved in Order No. 03-609 contained several conditions, including Section 3, which were the conditions for the exemption from regulation of Qwest’s MTS services (intraLATA toll services in Oregon).

**WHEREAS**, one of the conditions, Condition 2, in Section 3 approved in Order No. 03-609 pertained to notification of price changes to any MTS rate, specifically as follows:

## Notification

Qwest shall notify the Commission of any price changes to any MTS rate *within thirty (30) days of any such price change.* (Emphasis added.)

Qwest will provide its MTS customers with written notification, at Qwest's expense, of increases in its standard intraLATA MTS service charges at least thirty (30) days prior to implementation. The following language should be used in the notice to customers: "Qwest's local long distance rates will be raised by xx % on 'Month' xx, 200x. Alternative providers of long distance plans are available. Additional information is available at the Oregon Public Utility Commission's website, [www.puc.state.or.us](http://www.puc.state.or.us)." *Qwest may file a petition with the Commission to eliminate or modify this notification requirement in the future.* (Emphasis added.)

Qwest will notify its MTS customers that the Commission has deregulated MTS. Qwest will issue the notice at its own expense.

Such notices should be displayed on page 1 of any bill or bill insert and in the same font size as the text of the bill message or bill insert.

Copies of all customer notices shall be sent to the Commission within thirty (30) days of when they are first sent to customers. Order No. 03-609, Appendix A (Stipulation), pp. 3-4 (of 6).

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2008, Qwest filed a petition to eliminate or modify notification requirements in Order No. 03-609 for price changes to Message Toll Services (MTS), which petition was docketed as UM 1397.

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2008, the Commission opened an investigation into Qwest's petition, and later scheduled a settlement conference.

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2008, the parties convened a settlement conference. At the conference, Qwest and Staff reached settlement on Qwest's petition subject to the following conditions proposed by Staff:

1. Notification to Qwest's MTS customers: Qwest will provide reasonable prior notice to its MTS customers of changes to its intraLATA MTS service charges.

2. Notification to the Oregon PUC:

a. Qwest shall notify the Commission of any changes to its intraLATA MTS service charges on or before the date Qwest notifies its customers.

b. Qwest will provide to the Commission at least 30 days prior to any changes to its intraLATA MTS service charges proposed language to be used in its notification to customers. This language may provide placeholders for the actual price information (e.g., local long distance rates will be raised by \$.0.xx on xx/xx/xxxx date.) However, if Qwest uses the following language below, this language will be deemed acceptable by the Commission:

Notice: Effective [date], Qwest's local long distance rates for [product name] is increasing from \$.0.xx to \$.0.xx per minute. If you have any questions regarding this rate change, your service or would like a free account review, please call us at 1-8xx-xxx-xxxx.

**WHEREAS**, the parties request that the Commission modify Condition 2 in Section 3 of the stipulation approved in Order No. 03-609 in its entirety and replace it with the conditions set forth in the immediately previous recital above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES EXECUTING THIS STIPULATION** agree to the following terms in order to settle the following specified issues as allowed by OAR 860-014-0085:

**AGREEMENT**

**1. General Terms**

This Stipulation is entered into to resolve and settle certain disputed issues for the Commission in UM 1397. It does not represent a statement or agreement by any party that the provisions herein can or should be used in any other jurisdiction for any purpose. Rather, it is an agreement to settle the request raised in Qwest's petition in order to avoid the expense of further litigation, and to expeditiously implement Qwest's petition. A party's agreement to this Stipulation shall not be used as a statement by such party that it endorses any methodology, analysis or legal interpretation.

Should the Commission fail to adopt the Stipulation, or should the Commission materially modify the Stipulation, any party hereto shall have the right to withdraw from the Stipulation and proceed with a resolution of all issues in this proceeding through hearings.

This Stipulation sets forth the entire agreement between the parties hereto and supercedes any and all prior communications, understandings, or agreements, oral or written, between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Stipulation.

This Stipulation may not be modified or amended except by written agreement between all parties who have executed it.

This Stipulation may be executed in counterparts, all of which when taken together shall constitute one agreement binding on the parties, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart. The parties further agree that any facsimile copy of a party's signature is valid and binding to the same extent as an original signature.

## **2. Conditions regarding future price changes for intraLATA toll**

The parties agree to the following conditions regarding any future price changes for intraLATA toll, as follows:

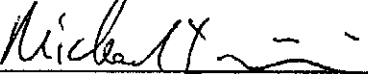
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2. Notification to the Oregon PUC:
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  - b. Qwest will provide to the Commission at least 30 days prior to any changes to its intraLATA MTS service charges proposed language to be used in its notification to customers. This language may provide placeholders for the actual price information (e.g., local long distance rates will be raised by \$.0.xx on xx/xx/xxxx date.) However, if Qwest uses the following language below, this language will be deemed acceptable by the Commission:

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IT IS SO STIPULATED.

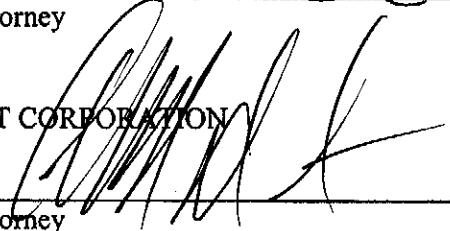
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF

By:   
Its: Attorney

Dated: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009

QWEST CORPORATION

By:   
Its: Attorney

Dated: January 9, 2009

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009, I served the foregoing  
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