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Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol St NE – Suite 215
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Re: UM 1401

Dear Judge Grant:

This letter is to notify you that Commission staff will not be filing a reply to the Joint Utilities' response to the Bench Request submitted on December 29, 2009.

Sincerely,

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2 I certify that on January 21, 2010, I served the foregoing Letter upon the parties in this
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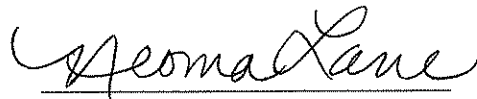
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