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RE: Oregon Telecom, Inc., and Qwest Corporation; ARB 477(9)

On June 9, 2005, Oregon Telecom, Inc., and Qwest Corporation filed a ninth amendment to the interconnection agreement and subsequent amendments previously approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon. The parties sought approval of the agreement under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Under the Act, the Commission must approve or reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiation within 90 days of filing.

The Commission failed to take the required action to approve the agreement within 90 days. Therefore, the amendment is approved without an order.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge