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March 18, 2005

Honorable Allan Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
P. O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: ARB 584- Parties' Agreement to Waive Hearing and Request for Two-day Extension

Dear Judge Arlow:

As I advised Your Honor's assistant Frances Nichols-Anglin this morning, the parties to this interconnection arbitration proceeding have agreed (subject to Your Honor's approval, of course) to waive the evidentiary hearing, currently scheduled for April 7 and 8, 2005. Thus, the parties would agree to submit the matter based on the prefiled testimony, exhibits, post-hearing briefs and the parties' ability to submit excerpts of oral hearing transcripts from the Covad/Qwest arbitrations in the other states that have had live hearings (including the most recent hearing that was held this week in New Mexico). Thus, we kindly request Your Honor's approval of this agreement.

In addition, because the parties were in oral hearings in New Mexico for three days this week, until yesterday, Covad has asked Qwest whether Qwest has any objections to a two-day extension of the rebuttal testimony due date, currently scheduled for this Monday, March 21, 2005, to Wednesday, March 23, 2005. I advised Covad's counsel that Qwest has no objections to that request, and thus that I would make this request in this same letter advising Your Honor of the agreement to waive the hearing and submit the matter on the record. Further, because the current rebuttal testimony due date is Monday, we kindly request that Your Honor advise us as soon as possible (and today if possible) whether you are willing to extend this rebuttal testimony due date.

Finally, the parties request that Your Honor schedule a prehearing conference for the week of March 28, 2005 to set a post-hearing brief schedule.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alex M. Duarte". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Alex M. Duarte

cc: Service List

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**ARB 584**

I hereby certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, I served the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION'S LETTER TO THE HONORABLE ALLAN ARLOW** in the above entitled docket on the following persons via U.S. Mail, by mailing a correct copy to them in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, addressed to them at their regular office address shown below, and deposited in the U.S. post office at Portland, Oregon.

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