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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Honorable Allan Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
550 Capitol Street N.E. Suite 215  
Salem, Oregon 97301-2551

**Re: ARB 671 – Qwest’s Motion to Strike Universal’s June 6, 2006 Reply Filing**

Dear Judge Arlow:

This letter responds to the letter dated June 7, 2006 from Alex Duarte, Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), wherein Qwest’s counsel asks the Commission to strike Universal Telecom, Inc.’s (“Universal”) reply filing of June 6, 2006. I serve as co-counsel to Universal in the above referenced arbitration proceeding.

On May 22, 2006 Qwest filed a response to Universal’s request for reconsideration of the Commission’s decision in Order No. 06-190. After receipt of Qwest’s response I contacted Your Honor by telephone to determine whether Universal would be allowed the opportunity to reply to Qwest’s response. I conveyed Universal’s request to file a reply to Qwest by June 6, 2006 pursuant to O.A.R. 860-013-0050(2), to which Your Honor consented. Universal believes this process was consistent with the requirements of Commission Order No. 04-598 at 2.

For these reasons, Universal respectfully requests that the Commission deny Qwest’s motion to strike Universal’s June 6, 2006 reply filing. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



K.C. Halm  
for Universal Telecom, Inc.

cc: Alex Duarte, Esq.  
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