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Honorable Allan Arlow  
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Re: ARB 671- Universal's Comments to Arbitrator's Decision

Dear Judge Arlow:

On February 13, 2006, Universal filed a 27-page brief in its Comments to the Arbitrator's Decision in this docket. The Commission's administrative rules for interconnection arbitrations do not specifically contemplate responses to comments to an Arbitrator's Decision, presumably because of the tight 20-day time frame in which the Commission must issue its final order adopting or rejecting the Arbitrator's Decision. Accordingly, Qwest does not intend to file any response unless Your Honor specifically requests it. However, in the event the Commission might be inclined to do anything other than to adopt the Arbitrator's Decision in its entirety, Qwest respectfully requests an opportunity to file a response within a reasonable time period before the Commission issues its order.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Alex M. Duarte". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized manner with some overlapping strokes.

Alex M. Duarte

cc: Service List

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**ARB 671**

I hereby certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2006, 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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