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Honorable Allan Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge  
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Re: ARB 671- Request for Waiver of Hearing and Submission of Closing Briefs

Dear Judge Arlow:

This will confirm the voicemail message that Universal counsel John Dodge and I left with Your Honor yesterday afternoon. As we mentioned, the parties in the above-captioned matter have agreed to waive the evidentiary hearing scheduled for November 15, 2005. However, in place of the hearing, the parties kindly request that Your Honor allow them to submit a final brief no later than November 18, 2005, and of no more than 10 pages in length, which briefs will be limited to addressing issues the opposing parties raised in their recent reply briefs and any issues raised by Qwest's discovery responses. The parties further request to move into the record Qwest responses to Universal's first round of discovery (save for Items 20 and 21, which are subject to dispute pending before Your Honor), the prefiled direct testimony of Stephen Roderick and Nancy Batz, and each party's fact statements and supporting attachments.

The parties would greatly appreciate if Your Honor would agree to their filing of these closing briefs and to the moving of discovery responses, each party's prefiled direct testimony, and each party's fact statements and supporting attachments into the record in lieu of an evidentiary hearing next week. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to call counsel for either party at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

  
Alex M. Duarte

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**ARB 671**

I hereby certify that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 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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