

ISSUED: November 14, 2005

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

ARB 671

In the Matter of QWEST CORPORATION'S )  
Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection )  
Rates, Terms, Conditions, and Related ) **RULING**  
Arrangements with UNIVERSAL TELE- )  
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )

**DISPOSITION: MOTIONS GRANTED; SCHEDULE AND  
PROCEDURES MODIFIED**

On November 11, 2005, counsel for Qwest Corporation filed a letter with the Commission on behalf of both parties stating, in part, as follows:

...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.

**RULING**

The requests of the parties are GRANTED.

The waiver by the parties of their right to hearing is accepted; the hearing scheduled to commence November 15, 2005, is CANCELLED.

Final Briefs no greater than ten pages in length, exclusive of the certificate of service, shall be submitted no later than November 18, 2005.

The following evidentiary materials are hereby entered into the record:

1. Qwest/1, Prefiled Direct Testimony of Nancy J. Batz.
2. Prefiled Testimony of Stephen C. Roderick.

The following evidentiary materials shall be entered into the record upon submission to the Commission:

Qwest Responses to First Round Discovery, except Items 20 and 21.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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Allan J. Arlow, Arbitrator