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Honorable Michael Grant
Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
P. O. Box 2148
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Re: UX 30- Qwest's Support of Staff's Testimony and Recommendation

Dear Judge Grant:

On April 14, 2006, Commission Staff filed the joint stipulation between Staff and Qwest agreeing that Staff would recommend the granting of Qwest's petition to exempt from regulation Qwest's billing and collection services ("B&C services") in section 8 of Qwest's Access Price List (except section 8.15), and Staff's testimony in support of the stipulation and recommendation. Although Qwest may not necessarily agree with every point or rationale that Staff raises in its testimony, Qwest agrees with Staff's recommendations that it is in the public interest to deregulate Qwest's B&C services. Accordingly, Qwest agrees with Staff's recommendations that the Commission should adopt the parties' joint stipulation, and thus that it should grant Qwest's petition for exemption from regulation consistent with that stipulation.

In addition, Qwest does not intend to file any testimony in response to Staff's testimony. Nevertheless, by this letter, Qwest simply wanted to advise the Commission that it supports Staff's recommendation. Therefore, like Staff, Qwest also respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the stipulation, and that it grant Qwest's petition consistent with that stipulation.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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 (via email)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on the 21st day of April 2006, I served the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION'S LETTER TO THE HONORABLE MICHAEL GRANT** 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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