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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- Parties' Request for Suspension of Procedural Schedule due to Settlement

Dear Judge Grant:

Yesterday morning Commission Staff, Qwest and the Citizens' Utilities Board (CUB) met at the workshop in this docket. We are pleased that Staff and Qwest have reached an agreement that they will enter into a stipulation in which Staff will recommend to the Commission that the Commission grant Qwest's petition to deregulate Qwest's Information and Billing Services ("billing and collection" services). Although CUB has not taken an official position on the agreement, Staff and Qwest have agreed to include a condition in the stipulation that there will be no adverse impact or effect on Qwest's residential end-user customers as a result of the deregulation of the Petition services, and it does not appear that CUB will oppose the stipulation. Qwest and Staff have agreed to work on the language of a stipulation that when signed will be submitted to the Commission, with supporting testimony by Staff, and possibly by Qwest as well. The parties hope to complete this process by the end of the year.

Accordingly, Qwest and Staff request that Your Honor suspend the current procedural schedule to allow the parties to finalize the stipulation and to complete the required process before submission to the Commission. CUB does not object to the request for suspension.

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 be "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 18th day of November 2005, 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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