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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Docket No. AR 464

IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR INCLUSION OF HUMAN SERVICES LISTINGS IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES. PETITION FILED BY JIM LONG.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS OF DEX MEDIA, INC.

REQUEST TO SUBMIT SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

Dex Media, Inc. ("Dex"), respectfully requests that the Commission consider these supplemental comments even though they are filed after the deadline for comments. These comments follow up on supplemental comments filed by the City of Portland ("City") on February 16, 2005, also after the stated deadline. These comments also provide an update regarding facts and circumstances occurring after the deadline. Accordingly, Dex could not have filed these comments by the time of the deadline. Additionally, although these comments propose to address a very narrow issue, Dex believes that clarification on the issue would be helpful to the Commission's understanding of the situation addressed by the City.

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

On the second page of its supplemental comments, the City stated that its staff spent many hours working "extensively with Dex staff" to ensure accuracy of the City's blue pages listings. The City then described numerous errors that the City found in its listings in the

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blue pages of Dex's Portland directory. Dex was understandably concerned about these allegations, which were very specific, and contacted the City within the last two weeks.

By working with the City as well as conducting its own internal investigation,

Dex has determined that the City was correct regarding the allegation of numerous erroneous listings. However, in the meetings before the Portland director was published, the City staff met with *Qwest* personnel, *not Dex* personnel as the City stated.¹ Dex understands that the City's error in identifying Dex was inadvertent.² Dex also learned that the listings were published

incorrectly due to human error by Dex, not any error by Qwest in compiling the listings.

Errors of the magnitude such as occurred this year with Portland's listings, while relatively infrequent, are not unprecedented. Every year out of the 300 directories that Dex publishes, a few will have errors that merit corrective action by Dex. When errors such as this occur, it is Dex's practice to mail replacement corrected directory pages to subscribers in the affected area. The corrected pages are designed to be inserted in the existing directories so that customers will have correct listings for the remainder of the life cycle of the particular directory.

Moreover, Dex is also in the process of correcting its online directory.

Pursuant to Dex's standard practice, Dex has made a business decision to prepare and mail corrected listings for the City of Portland. These corrected listings will be in the form of blue pages inserts to the 2005 Portland directory. Dex will print a quarter million insert pages and will mail inserts, together with an explanatory cover letter, to all subscribers in the Portland area. The entire process will take place over the next four to six weeks to produce the letter and replacement pages, depending on printers' schedules. Dex notes that this rulemaking proceeding was not what caused the corrective action that Dex is undertaking. As Dex's representatives in

¹ This was as Dex expected, since it is Qwest who compiles listings for the blue pages.

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² Although Dex has been a separate company from Qwest for a couple of years, many people still consider them to be one in the same.

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this docket learned after they looked into the City's supplemental comments, the process of

investigating and correcting the errors was already underway between the City and Dex at a staff

level.

Finally, as Dex stated at the public hearing, it does care about the quality and

competitiveness of its products. In particular, Dex strives to make its directories as accurate as

humanly possible. When errors occur—as they will in any human endeavor—Dex takes

appropriate corrective action, as illustrated by the follow-up to the problems with the City of

Portland's 2005 listings.

CONCLUSION

Dex will correct the Portland directory at considerable expense because Dex

believes that its directory products must continue to be the most complete, accurate, and

preferred available in the marketplace. Dex's actions demonstrate that market forces already

drive directory publishers to act responsibly and in the public interest. Regulation would be a

less effective substitute for market forces at best or a hindrance at worst.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of March, 2005.

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