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***VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL***

Hon. Allan J. Arlow  
Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

**Re: *Northwest Public Communications Council v. Qwest Corporation;*  
Docket Nos. DR 26/UC 600**

Dear Judge Arlow:

As you may have seen, on Monday, November 16, 2009, Complainants Northwest Public Communications Council and the individual Payphone Service Providers filed both a First Amended Complaint and a Second Amended Complaint with the Commission, along with a "Precautionary Motion to Allow Second Amended Complaint." In addition, we wanted to bring to your attention the fact that on November 13, 2009, Complainants also filed in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon a 56-page Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Damages, including 18 claims for relief and seeking the same relief as in their complaints before the Commission.

Complainants' attorney, Frank Patrick, stated in his cover letter accompanying the filing of the Second Amended Complaint and Precautionary Motion that he believes a conference would be in order if you want briefing in connection with the issues raised by that filing. Qwest agrees that it may be useful and efficient for the Commission to convene a telephonic prehearing conference to address procedural issues raised by Complainants' recent filings. Accordingly, Qwest joins in Complainants' request that the Commission convene a prehearing conference to address those procedural issues. Qwest respectfully requests that the conference be scheduled for some time this week, through

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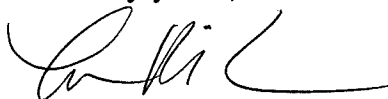
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and including Friday, November 20. If that is not possible, then Qwest respectfully requests that such a conference be scheduled on or after November 30, 2009, as I will be on vacation all of next week.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Reichman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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