1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION					
2	OF OREGON					
3	UT 125					
4	In the Matter of					
5	QWEST CORPORATION, fka U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,	QWEST CORPORATION'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION PURSUANT TO ORS 9.350 TO PROVE AUTHORITY				
6	Application for Increase in Revenues.	OF COUNSEL				
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8	Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") respectfully submits this response in support of its Motion					
9	Pursuant to ORS 9.350 to Prove Authority of	Counsel (the "Motion").				
10	Qwest's Motion established reasonable grounds to require Mr. Patrick and Mr. Pikl					
11	(together, "Counsel") to demonstrate their authority to represent NPCC and its PSP members.					
12	Counsel's Reply expressly admits, or otherwise concedes, the key facts stated in the Motion.					
13	Specifically: (1) Counsel represent individual PSPs in this proceeding, as they have admitted on					
14	many occasions, including Mr. Patrick's service information disclosure as of September 2023;					
15	(2) Mr. Patrick sued two of his PSP clients and then claims to have "acquired" those PSPs'					
16	claims in this matter, in direct violation of Oregon's ethical rules; (3) most, if not all, of their					
17	PSP clients no longer exist, and Counsel cannot communicate with them; and (4) Mr. Patrick					
18	was ordered by an Oregon federal court to withdraw from representing one of these PSPs—both					
19	because he violated his professional responsibilities by acquiring its claims and by continuing to					
20	represent the defunct PSP after losing the ability to communicate with it—and the Oregon					
21	Supreme Court suspended his bar license for t	these actions. It is also regrettably clear that				
22	Counsel would never have disclosed these hig	ghly troubling facts but for Qwest's Motion.				
23	Instead of responding to—much less d	lisputing—these facts, Counsel make unfounded				
24	accusations about Qwest and its counsel and o	carry on about irrelevant issues, all in an attempt to				
25	misdirect the Commission from the straightforward issues raised in Qwest's Motion. They also					

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1	brazenly suggest that Qwest somehow waived its right to challenge their authority because they
2	had succeeded in hiding their misconduct for many years, even after the State Bar Disciplinary
3	Board made abundantly clear to Mr. Patrick that this is sanctionable behavior. Counsel further
4	wrongly claim the Commission is powerless to address this continued parade of ethical
5	indiscretion and lack of client authority.

In short, Qwest established reasonable grounds under ORS 9.350 for the Commission to require Counsel to demonstrate they are authorized to represent the interests of NPCC and its PSP members and may do so in conformance with their professional responsibilities. And the Commission plainly has the power, and the duty, to undertake this inquiry.

A. Mr. Patrick and Mr. Pikl do not even address their authority to represent any PSP with an interest in this proceeding.

Qwest's Motion demonstrated that many of Counsel's purported PSP clients are defunct. Motion at 9-10. Conspicuously, their Reply does not dispute this point. Further, Counsel never address their authority to serve as attorney for, or represent the interests of, any PSP. That is, they do not assert or offer any evidence that a duly qualified person currently authorizes them to represent any of the PSPs they purport to represent here. As Judge Brown held in the *Harlow* matter, Counsel cannot continue to litigate on behalf of a purported client that has not consented to the ongoing representation. *See* October 31, 2017, Order in *Communication Management, LLC v. Harlow* ("*Harlow*") (Motion, Attachment A at 12; "At the time that Patrick lost contact with Davel's representative, he should have moved to withdraw from continuing to represent Davel."). Either Counsel must offer competent evidence demonstrating that they remain currently authorized to represent NPCC's PSP members that they have identified as their clients and who are the parties interested in this proceeding, or they must withdraw. *See id.*

Instead of addressing this threshold issue, Counsel simply assert that their only client here is the PSPs' trade association, NPCC. But this belated assertion directly contradicts Counsel's repeated representations to the Commission that the individual PSPs are their *clients*, and it is

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beyond dispute that they are proceeding on the specific PSPs	' behalf in this matter.	See, Motion
at 4-5 (listing examples).		

Counsel also argue (in their Jan. 30, 2024 letter) that the fact that their purported clients may "have died or gone out of business or there is no successor" does not matter. According to Counsel, they may continue litigating without a client because the law would determine how to distribute money owed to decedent's estates or to defunct companies. This argument is a red herring. Qwest's Motion is not concerned with the proper disposition of abandoned property. The Motion concerns Counsel's lack of authority to serve as attorneys for PSPs who no longer exist, cannot communicate with their purported counsel, and therefore cannot authorize this representation. This lack of authority is a sufficient reason to require Counsel's withdrawal, entirely apart from their disqualifying conflicts of interest discussed below.

B. Mr. Patrick admits he "acquired" the claims of two PSPs in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Patrick admits that he "owned the claims of NSC and Deval [sic] in this case at one time." Reply at 16, fn. 3. Acquiring any ownership interest in the PSPs' claim, if effective, violated ORPC 1.8(i) and required Mr. Patrick to withdraw from representing those entities under ORPC 1.16—just as he was ordered to do in the *Harlow* matter. *Harlow* at 13; ORPC 1.8(i) ("A lawyer shall not acquire a proprietary interest in the cause of action or subject matter of litigation the lawyer is conducting for a client, except that the lawyer may: (1) acquire a lien authorized by law to secure the lawyer's fee or expenses; and (2) contract with a client for a reasonable contingent fee in a civil case."); RPC 1.16 ("[A] lawyer shall not represent a client or, where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of a client if: (1) the representation will result in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct or other law.").

In the Reply, Mr. Patrick claims that his undisclosed ethical violations can be overlooked because "he assigned [those claims] to the other NPCC members pro rata." Reply, fn. 3. Not so. Allowing Mr. Patrick to circumvent the rules in such a manner would denigrate their core

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purpose: "to protect the public and the integrity of the profession." In re Conduct of Sanai, 360
Or 497, 537 (2016). In any event, Counsel provide no evidence of such assignments, and do not
say when they occurred, who authorized the other PSPs to receive such assignments, what
consideration was given by whom, or who now owns the claims of the recipients—whether it is
Mr. Patrick, Mr. Pikl, an entity in which they have an interest, or someone else. Moreover, Mr.
Patrick's sworn deposition testimony from 2020 states that Mr. Patrick's law firm assigned the
interest in Davel's claims that he acquired through litigation to an entity in which Mr. Patrick
owns 60 percent and Mr. Gaines owns 40 percent. Further, despite Mr. Patrick's claim that he
assigned NSC's claims to other PSPs, former counsel Richard Gaines claims that he owns NSC's
claims. Motion at 8, fn 12. Regardless of any alleged assignment, by acquiring any claims in a
manner adverse to his clients, Mr. Patrick violated his ethical responsibilities and was required to
withdraw from representing the clients in all matters—consistent with <i>Harlow</i> and the State Bar
Disciplinary Board's findings.

During any period when Counsel owned the claims of Davel and NSC and purported to represent their interests and the interests of other PSPs in this proceeding, Counsel engaged in additional violations of his professional responsibilities. Mr. Patrick may have elevated the interests of Davel and NSC (whose claims he "owned") over the interest of any other PSPs (whose claims he did not own) and who are not even able to object. See ORPC 1.7 (prohibiting an attorney from representing a client "if the representation involves a current conflict of interest" which exists if "there is a significant risk that the representation of one or more clients will be materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest of the lawyer."); see also In re Conduct of Kluge, 335 Or. 326, 335 (2003) ("[T]he disciplinary rules governing conflicts of interest are based upon the concern that, when a lawyer undertakes the representation of a client with interests differing

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²⁶ See Deposition of Franklin G. Patrick, Jan. 30, 2020, at 114-16 (Exhibit A at 2).

1	from the interests of the lawyers or the lawyer's other clients, the lawyer's judgment might
2	become impaired or the lawyer's loyalty might become divided.") (internal citations omitted).
3	Personally owning these claims for any period of time required Mr. Patrick to withdraw from
4	representing the interest of any other PSP—and NPCC—in this proceeding. He did not do so. ²
5	Counsel try to wave away these ethical violations by likening their financial enmeshment
6	in these proceedings to a contingent fee arrangement. See Reply at 16. But the Oregon Rules of
7	Professional Conduct are clear: while an attorney may "contract with a client for a reasonable
8	contingent fee in a civil case," the attorney "shall not acquire a proprietary interest in the cause
9	of action or subject matter of litigation the lawyer is conducting for a client." ORPC 1.8(i). Mr.
10	Patrick's conduct is on the wrong side of the line, as Judge Brown already found. By acquiring
11	these claims, Mr. Patrick was conflicted from representing any of the PSPs, regardless of any fee

C. The Commission may inquire into Counsel's authority to represent the PSPs.

Unable to dispute the material facts in Qwest's Motion, Counsel argue that the Commission lacks any authority to police the conduct of an attorney appearing before it, even if such appearance is in flagrant violation of the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct. They also assert that Qwest lacks standing to raise these questions, and that only their purported clients—

arrangement. Counsel's suggestion that Qwest should just pay them all the refund money and let

conflict; it only highlights the conflict.³ Indeed, Qwest's Motion is the only reason why Counsel

them sort out how it is divided—whether as attorneys' fees or refunds—does not cure this

have finally disclosed these ethical violations to the Commission.

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To the extent Mr. Pikl assisted Mr. Patrick with any of this history, he also violated RCP 8.4.

^{22 (&}quot;It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to: (1) violate the Rules of Professional Conduct,

knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through the acts of another."). Moreover, if Mr. Pikl equally is unable to communicate with the same defunct clients and prove his authority as counsel, he should likewise withdraw from representing them.

 ³ See, e.g., NPCC's Proposal for Proceeding filed Nov. 7, 2023, arguing Qwest should be ordered
 "to pay refunds to NPCC, on behalf of NPCC members", and letter dated Jan. 30, 2024, asserting
 "NPCC has also offered to be the repository of refund monies to be paid by Qwest, and will
 distribute them to their appropriate owners...."

the deceased or defunct clients they are unable to contact—may "voice[] any concern" about
Counsel's "debilitating conflict of interest." Reply at 17. Once again, Counsel are wrong.
First, the Commission's own regulations require that "[a]ll persons appearing in

proceedings in a representative capacity must conform to the standards of ethical conduct required of attorneys appearing before the court of Oregon. If a person does not conform to these standards, then the Commission may decline to permit the person to appear in a representative capacity in any proceedings." OAR 860-001-0310(1). Counsel present no authority to the contrary. If Counsel's appearance in this matter is not authorized by their purported clients or does not otherwise comply with the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct, they cannot appear.

Second, Counsel do not dispute that the statutes governing legal practice in Oregon, ORS 9.310 *et seq.*, apply to Commission proceedings—nor could they. These statutes clearly allow Qwest, as an adverse party, to challenge Counsel's authority to represent NPCC and the PSPs' interests in this proceeding. ORS 9.350 expressly permits any *party* to make a motion requiring "the attorney for an adverse party to prove the authority under which the attorney appears." *See also Harlow* (disqualifying Mr. Patrick upon adversary's ORS 9.350 motion). Counsel's assertions about standing are unfounded.

Third, Counsel's reliance on *Kidney Assn. of Oregon, Inc. v. Ferguson*, 315 Or 135 (1992), in an attempt to neuter the Commission's ability to police the conduct of lawyers appearing before it, is badly misplaced. *Kidney Assn.* simply recognizes that the Supreme Court and the Disciplinary Board appointed by it have the exclusive power to issue "a sanction for disciplinary rule violations." *Id.* at 148. But Qwest is not requesting that the Commission *sanction* Counsel for a disciplinary rule violation—it is not requesting a fine, suspension or disbarment. Qwest is simply asking the Commission to require Counsel to prove they are currently authorized by their purported clients to appear and that such appearance comports with the ethical rules. This inquiry is authorized by statute and the Commission's own regulations, and is one that tribunals other than the Oregon Supreme Court routinely perform. *See, e.g.*,

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Harlow; Collatt v. Collatt, 99 Or App 463, 466 (1989) (disqualifying attorney whose appearance
violated ethnical rules governing conflicts of interest).

In essence, Counsel contend that even if their appearance in this proceeding is not authorized or otherwise flagrantly violates the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct, the Commission is powerless to stop them. They are wrong. Qwest has the authority to raise this issue, and the Commission has the responsibility to address it. If Counsel fail to prove that their appearance is duly authorized, the Commission must disqualify them.

D. Counsel's waiver defense is meritless.

Most desperately, Counsel assert that their authority to act on behalf of defunct or deceased clients cannot be challenged now because Qwest did not raise this issue before or in the other cases in which Counsel has pursued the same refund damages. But to state the proposition shows it is nonsensical. Indeed, the ethical conflict the Disciplinary Board found against Mr. Patrick for which it suspended his license—suing his own client to obtain a personal interest in a claim—is itself a non-waivable conflict. *See* ORPC 1.8(i). And even if a challenge to the authority of counsel could be waived, Qwest did not waive anything because it was not aware of Counsel's disdainful conduct until recently.⁴

"A waiver is an intentional relinquishment or abandonment of a known right or privilege." *State v. Meyrick*, 313 Or 125, 132 (1992). Here, Qwest did not know of Mr. Patrick's "acquisition" of his purported clients' claims, or the defunct status of Counsel's purported clients, until shortly before it filed the Motion. And it did not intentionally abandon or relinquish anything. Once Qwest learned of the facts underlying its Motion, it promptly raised the issue with the Commission at the November 8, 2023 prehearing conference and in a November 14, 2023 letter. Later that day, the Commission stated in a Memorandum that "Qwest will have the

The Commission should ignore this and the many other irrelevant arguments in the Reply.

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⁴ Counsel anticipate the obvious concern that their clients' claims are barred by prior litigation

where they unsuccessfully sought the same refunds under the same theories. While Qwest intends to raise this issue at the appropriate time, it has not yet done so in the remand proceeding.

1	opportunity to raise these issues after I issue a prehearing conference memorandum." ⁵ Qwest
2	conducted further investigation and then filed the Motion establishing "reasonable grounds"
3	under ORS 9.350.
4	Counsel's waiver argument fails to deflect from their own lack of candor. Mr. Patrick
5	failed to disclose that he had "acquired" the interests of any PSPs in violation of the ethical rules,
6	that he had been forced to withdrew from the <i>Harlow</i> case due to his ethical violations, and that
7	his law license was suspended because of those violations while he continued pursuing relief
8	here. Based on Counsel's admitted inability to communicate with deceased and defunct clients,
9	Judge Brown's 2017 decisions in Harlow, and Mr. Patrick's Disciplinary Board proceedings,
10	Counsel have long known of their lack of authority and the ethical lines they have crossed in this
11	proceeding. That Counsel's unauthorized and ethically compromised conduct endured for many
12	years before Qwest learned of it cannot have the perverse result of excusing such conduct.
13	CONCLUSION
14	The Commission should order Mr. Patrick and Mr. Pikl to prove the authority under
15	which they are appearing in this action on behalf of PSPs as requested in the Motion. ⁶ Qwest
16	further requests the Commission continue to stay these proceedings until Mr. Patrick and Mr.
17	Pikl prove such authority.
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22	 https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HDA/ut125hda16180.pdf. The Motion outlined the factual showing Counsel should be required to make. In response,
23	Counsel suggest a much more limited showing, relating only to NPCC and not the PSPs, and that
24	they be permitted to make it <i>in camera</i> . It would not be appropriate to shield this showing from Qwest whose rights are affected by Counsel's lack of authority; however, Counsel may request
25	an "attorneys'-eyes only" protective order for such information if they desire. And in view of the many contradictions in Counsel's statements they should be required to make these showings
26	under oath.

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of a sheriff's sale.

A. That's correct.

Q. And this return of writ states that your law firm, Corporate Lawyers, PC, purchased Davel's claims

as described in the writ for \$500; is that correct?

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Page 114 Page 116 1 by breaching their fee agreement to us -- to me. And What did you do after you purchased Davel's 1 Q. 2 I pled that we were entitled to the reasonable value 2 claims? I acceded to the ownership of that claim in a 3 of the judgment. It includes that as well. It was 3 Α. 4 joint and several. And for costs and disbursements. 4 litigation. You obtained a money judgment against Davel; 5 What do you mean by that? 6 correct? 6 I took the position, okay, that Davel, LLC, That's correct for \$375,000 plus a hundred and 7 the entity that -- that -- excuse me -- Davel 8 -- I think \$1538. You had to go through this. It's a 8 Phonetel, LLC, owned the claims of Davel. 9 little complicated to get all those things added 9 Well, did you transfer the claims to that LLC? 10 together, but, yes, no question about it. 10 Yeah. That's -- that's what -- I think I said Q. And what was the \$375,000 based on? 11 11 that to you, but maybe I didn't. 12 That was based on the reasonable value of the Did you have an ownership interest in the LLC? 13 services rendered to date as allocated or apportioned 13 Α. 14 from all of the fees, all the hours to just Davel 14 What was your ownership interest? ٥. 15 Communications. 15 60 percent. Α. 16 Q. And what happened after you obtained the 16 ٥. Who held the other 40 percent? default judgment against Davel? 17 40 percent to Richard Gaines. 18 A. I don't know what you mean. 18 Q. And Mr. Gaines, had he represented Davel as a 19 What happened in the case? 19 client? 20 Okay. Which case? This case? 20 He assisted in the legal work. Did he 21 The Washington County case, yes. 21 represent Davel as an attorney of record here? Only 22 I -- I don't know. You're going to have to in the PUC matters would he be considered that way, 23 ask me a better question than that. I can't -- I but he -- he represented Davel in the appeals. can't answer your question. 24 Q. Who managed the LLC? 24 25 Did you purchase Davel's claims? 25 Α. I believe I did. And then --Page 117 Page 115 Oh, yes. I'm sorry. Yeah. 1 Q. 2 Tell me about that. 2 Hang on. And I believe that Mr. Jones did, Α. Well, we advertised as required by law. We Charles W. Jones. went to the sheriff's sale, paid the money to get that Well, when did you manage the LLC? all done, and we obtained the rights to the judgment Well, I created it. And so I guess there's a against CL, PC. And then it was assigned to Davel period of time in which you do some management. And I Phonetel, LLC, as I recall. think one of the things is that I appointed Mr. Jones (Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was marked.) as the manager. THE WITNESS: I'm looking at Exhibit 9? And when did you appoint Mr. Jones as the 9 Q. 10 BY MS. DIPPEL: 10 manager? 11 Yes. 11 Shortly after creating it and after the Q. 12 transfer to the -- to the entity. 12 Okay. A. And that's the same Charles Jones who had 13 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit 9? 13 14 I believe so, yes. 14 taken an assignment of Davel's interest in the legal 15 Q. What is this? malpractice lawsuit? 16 It is a sheriff's return of writ. 16 In fact, that's one of the reasons why we did And what does a sheriff's return of writ 17 ٥. 17 that, yeah -- I did that. 18 represent? 18 Q. Have you ever satisfied any aspect of your money judgment against Davel? 19 Well, it's a legal procedure whereby the 19 sheriff reports to the court, as I recall, the result 20 Not that I can recall right now. 20 Α.

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Yes.

I think you testified earlier that Tammy

22 Martin authorized the filing of the legal malpractice

action against Brooks Harlow and Miller Nash --

-- is that correct?

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1	A. My only remorse was I ever took this case.	1	MS. DIPPEL: Okay. Thank you,		
2	The long and short of it is, it has been	2	Mr. Patrick. That's all I have.		
3	10 years of my life. It's 20 percent of my practice	3	THE WITNESS: Okay. You're welcome.		
4	of law as a lawyer. Okay? And for it to end this	4			
5	way, okay, I find to be a tragedy.	5	(The deposition concluded at 12:22 PM.)		
6	But the long and the short of it is, if I	6			
7	could have done something different, I would have done	7			
8	something different. I think that I did I think I	8			
9	went probably further than most lawyers would go. I	9			
10	did my best to take care of these claims for Davel and	10			
11	NSC as well.	11			
12	Q. Okay. Mr. Patrick, this is my one and only	12			
13	opportunity to ask you any questions; so I just want	13			
14	to know if there's anything else that you want me to	14			
15	know as we move forward in this proceeding.	15			
16	A. What I'd like the bar to know? I believe that	16			
17	the bar imposes an obligation for us to diligently	17			
18	represent our clients. And I've had some clients I	18			
19	didn't want to work for. But I diligently represented	19			
20	them right to the end as best I could, and I believe I	20			
21	did so here.	21			
22	Q. You do understand that the rules allow you to	22			
23	terminate representation; correct?	23			
24	A. I under I understand that, but you still	24			
25	have to represent a client when you've got them. And	25			
1	Page 179 I think I've always had a client. I think I just lost	1	Page 181		
2	who the voice of that would be, and I'm not even sure	2	CERTIFICATE STATE OF OREGON) ORIGINAL County of Multnomah) ss. ORIGINAL		
3	I lost who it was. I think it's I don't understand		County of Multnomah) ss. UNUNAL		
4	what happened to Tammy Martin.	3			
5	Q. Have you since the bar complaint was filed	4	I, Shellene L. Iverson, a Certified Shorthand		
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6 against you, have you made any efforts to locate Tammy

A. I -- I viewed that as potentially being a wrong thing to do; so I don't believe that I have tried. I may have made one phone call to see if --11 her phone still answered. And I'm not even sure I did 12

13 Q. Okay. Why do you think it would be wrong for 14 you to contact a former client contact?

15 A. I'm not -- I don't know how the bar views things. I mean, I'm at a point where I've been 16 17 blind-sided by this.

Q. Okay. Well, just for the record, I originally 19 set this for January 21st, and you and your lawyer graciously accommodated my request to reset it to 21 today and you both accommodated my request to start early at 8:00 AM. So on behalf of the bar, I very 23 much appreciate your professionalism and your 24 accommodation of my schedule.

> A. Thanks.

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5 Reporter for the State of Oregon, do hereby certify 6 that FRANKLIN G. PATRICK appeared before me and was sworn at said time and place set forth in the caption hereof.

At said time and place I reported in stenotype all 10 testimony adduced and other oral proceedings had in the foregoing matter; that thereafter my notes were 11 reduced into the typewritten transcript; and the foregoing transcript, pages 6 through 180, both inclusive, is a true and correct transcript of my original stenographic notes.

I also certify I am not a relative or employee of any attorney/counsel employed by the parties hereto or financially interested in the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal at Milwaukie, Oregon, this 17th

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