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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Hon. Allan Arlow
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street N.E. Suite 215
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Re: ARB 671 – Qwest Request To File Responsive Comments

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Counsel for Universal Telecom, Inc. (“Universal”) is in receipt of Qwest Corporation’s (“Qwest”) letter dated February 17, 2006. Universal was not consulted in this matter and strongly opposes Qwest’s suggestion that it be permitted to file “response Comments” to the Comments filed by Universal on February 13, 2006.

Earlier in this docket Universal noted that Qwest appears to be constitutionally incapable of sticking to Commission rules requiring the company to let someone else have the last or equal word. Qwest’s most recent letter merely confirms its incapability. Universal chose to file extensive Comments as is its right under Commission rules. Qwest chose not to file extensive Comments as is its right. It is a universally acknowledged principle of law that one who sleeps on his rights may lose them. Here Qwest has, or appears to believe it has, slept on its rights. To reward Qwest with another opportunity to comment would violate Commission rules and fundamental notions of due process and fair play.


Qwest also resurrects a prior attempted tactic, *i.e.*, to gauge what your honor or the Commission might do in response to a Universal filing. To wit, “in the event the Commission might be inclined to do anything other than to adopt the Arbitrator’s Decision in its entirety, Qwest respectfully requests an opportunity to file a response within a reasonable period of time before the Commission issues its order.” The Commission should reject this ham-handed and specious tactic. Qwest’s “opportunity to file” was February 13, 2006.

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To reiterate, Universal opposes in the most strenuous terms any suggestion that Qwest be granted an extra-rule opportunity to file any response to Universal's Comments.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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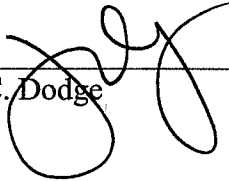
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I hereby certify that on February 21, 2006, I served the foregoing UniversalTelecom, Inc.'s Letter to the Honorable Allan Arlow in the above entitled docket on the following persons by mailing a copy to them by first-class mail, with postage prepaid:

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