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March 17, 2006

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

Christina Smith, Administrative Law Judge  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
PO Box 2148  
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Re: Exhibit USCC/14 in Docket UM 1217

Dear ALJ Smith:

At the hearing on this matter, when it was requested that USCC/14 be admitted, I asked for and received permission to reserve the right to file an objection, pending review of the exhibit.

I do object to the admission of the exhibit as lacking foundation. The exhibit cannot be identified by any party who appeared at the hearing as to the meaning of the exhibit, how it was prepared, etc.

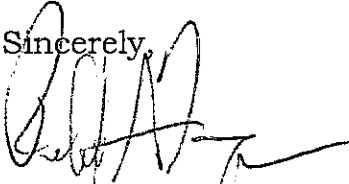
My memory at the time, and the reason why I asked for the opportunity to review the exhibit with CenturyTel and to review the records surrounding its use in the UM 1083 proceeding, was that there was quite a bit of discussion as to the meaning of the exhibit in the UM 1083 hearing. My memory was correct.

If the parties are willing to agree to the admission of the transcript surrounding the discussion of the exhibit from UM 1083, and those transcript pages are admitted as part of the exhibit, then I would withdraw my objection.

The transcript pages are from the December 16, 2003 hearing and begin at page 81, line 21 and run through the end of page 110 and begin again at page 118, line 16 through page 120, line 19.

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I have placed a call to Ms. Wallace. We have not been able to discuss this matter as of yet. As a result, given the deadline for filing the objection, I am proceeding as stated above.

Sincerely,  
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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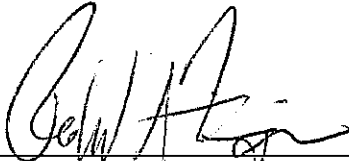
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