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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Allan Arlow
Administrative Law Judge
Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 2148
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Re: ARB 671 - Withdrawal of Qwest Motion for Clarification

Dear Judge Arlow:

Following our telephone conference of February 22, 2006, I discussed with Qwest's management the procedural concerns raised by you with regard to Qwest's Request for Clarification filed on February 13, 2006. Qwest appreciates your concerns and certainly does not wish to create procedural and factual issues that could cause significant delays in receiving a Commission order. Therefore, Qwest hereby withdraws its Request for Clarification at this time.

In so doing, Qwest does not waive its right, upon review of the Commission's order in this matter, to raise appropriate issues, including issues of clarification.

This letter will also confirm Qwest's understanding, based on the discussion in the telephone conference, that it is the Commission's intention to issue its order by March 17, 2006.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted D. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

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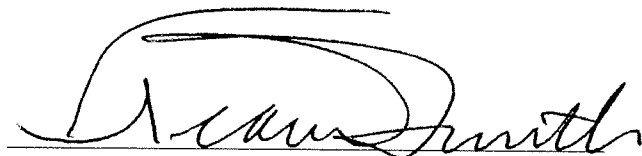
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I hereby certify that on February 24, 2006, I served the foregoing Qwest Letter to the Honorable Allan Arlow in the above-reference docket on the following persons by mailing a copy to them by first class mail, with postage prepaid, and also by emailing the letter to them at the email addresses listed below:

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