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Ms. Cheryl Walker
Oregon Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 2148
Salem, OR 9730-2148

RE: ARB 637(7)- Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest and Verizon
Business Network Services, Inc. (as successor in interest to MCImetro Access
Transmission Services, LLC)

Dear Ms. Walker:

On May 25, 2007, pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act, Qwest Corporation filed the referenced Business Escalation Agreement (the "Agreement") between Qwest Services Corporation and its Affiliates, including Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Verizon Business Network Services, Inc. and its affiliates MCI Communications Services, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("Verizon"). The Commission later approved that agreement as an amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Verizon in Order No. 07-276 on June 25, 2007.

Qwest originally filed this Agreement on the basis of its understanding that the escalation procedures applied to the services provided under interconnection agreements between the parties. After such filing, however, it became evident that the intended scope of the Agreement was not to cover interconnection agreement services.

Thus, Qwest and Verizon have entered into an amended Business Escalation Agreement to clearly reflect that the escalation procedures set forth in the agreement do not apply to issues or disputes (i) arising under any interconnection agreements between the parties or (ii) to any services provided by Qwest to Verizon pursuant to the requirements of Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or any services provided pursuant to an interconnection agreement. The parties specifically acknowledge and agree that the agreement is not intended to amend any of the parties' existing interconnection agreements.

Therefore, Qwest respectfully withdraws the Business Escalation Agreement between Qwest and Verizon that was approved by the Commission in Order No 07-276 on June 25, 2007 in this docket.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex M. Duarte". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Alex M. Duarte

cc: Mo Brinster, Verizon Business Network Services, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on the 24th day of July, 2007, I served the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION'S LETTER TO THE OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION REGARDING ITS BUSINESS ESCALATION AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICES, INC.** in the above entitled docket on the following persons via U.S. Mail, by mailing a correct copy to them in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, addressed to them at their regular office address shown below, and deposited in the U.S. post office at Portland, Oregon.

Mo Brinster
Verizon Business Network Services, Inc.
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Everett, WA 98201

DATED this 24th day of July, 2007.

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