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April 20, 2007

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
PO Box 2148
Salem OR 97308-2148

Re: ARB 775: Motion to Admit *Pro Hac Vice*

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket is the original and one copy of Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.'s Motion to Admit Gregory Merz *Pro Hac Vice* and the Affidavit of Gregory Merz in Support of Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.'s Motion to Admit *Pro Hac Vice*. This document was electronically filed with the PUC and electronically served on the parties to the docket this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Sarah K. Wallace

cc: Service List
Gregory Merz

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

ARB 775

In the Matter of

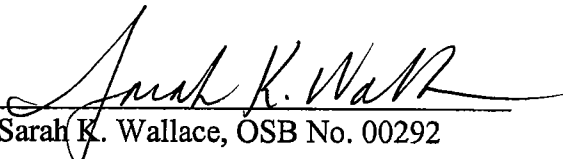
The Petition of Eschelon, Telecom of
Oregon, Inc. for Arbitration with Qwest
Corporation, Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section
252 of the Federal Telecommunications
Act of 1996

ESCHELON TELECOM OF
OREGON, INC.'S MOTION TO
ADMIT GREGORY MERZ *PRO HAC*
VICE

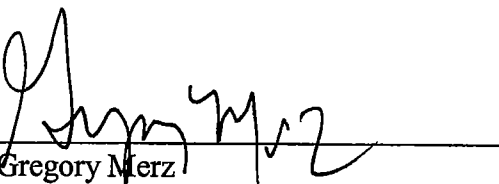
Pursuant to UTCR 3.170, Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc. (Eschelon), hereby moves to admit Gregory Merz, a member in good standing in the State of Minnesota, as counsel *pro hac vice* for Eschelon in this proceeding. This motion is supported by the attached Affidavit of Gregory Merz

DATED this 20th day of April, 2007.

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP

By: 
Sarah K. Wallace, OSB No. 00292

ESCHELON TELECOM OF OREGON, INC.

By: 
Gregory Merz

Attorneys for Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.

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<p>In the Matter of</p> <p>The Petition of Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc. for Arbitration with Qwest Corporation, Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996</p>	<p>AFFIDAVIT OF GREGORY MERZ IN SUPPORT OF ESCHELON TELECOM OF OREGON, INC.'S MOTION TO ADMIT <i>PRO HAC VICE</i></p>
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I, Gregory Merz, being first duly sworn, hereby state:

1. I am admitted to practice law in the State of Minnesota and am an attorney in good standing in that jurisdiction. Attached to this Affidavit is a true and correct copy of a certificate showing that I am an attorney in good standing in Minnesota. I am not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in the Minnesota.


2. I will associate in this matter with Sarah K. Wallace, Oregon Bar No. 00292, an associate in the firm of Davis, Wright, Tremaine LLP. To the best of my knowledge, Sarah K. Wallace is an active member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar.

3. I will comply with all applicable statutes, law, and procedural rules of the State of Oregon; be familiar with and comply with the disciplinary rules of the Oregon State Bar; and submit to the jurisdiction of the Oregon courts and the Oregon State Bar with respect to acts and omissions occurring during my admission *pro hac vice* in this matter.

4. In compliance with UTCR 3.170(e), a confirmation of professional liability insurance that covers my private practice of law in Oregon.


5. I agree to notify this administrative agency of any changes in my status, as required by UTCR 3.170(1)(f).

DATED this 20th day of April, 2007.

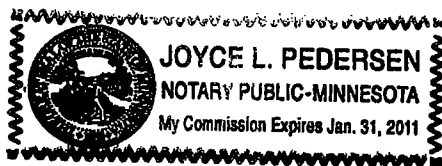


Gregory Merz

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of April, 2007.



NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Minnesota,
residing at 14326 Empire Ave., Apple Valley, MN 55124
My commission expires January 31, 2011
Print Name: Joyce L. Pedersen



**STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT**

Certificate of Good Standing

This is to certify that the following lawyer is in good standing.

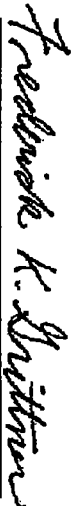
GREGORY RONALD MERZ

was duly admitted to practice as an lawyer and counselor at law in all the courts of this state on

October 16, 1987

Given under my hand and seal of this court on

September 06, 2006


Fredrick K. Grithner
Clerk of Appellate Courts



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ATTORNEYS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE SOCIETY, INC.
A RISK RETENTION GROUP

April 20, 2007

Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.
730 2nd Avenue S, Suite 900
Minneapolis, MN 55402

To Whom It May Concern:

CONFIRMATION OF INSURANCE

We hereby confirm that Gray, Plant, Mooty, Mooty & Bennett, P.A. has Professional Liability Coverage under Policy ALA#1627 with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000.

The Policy effective date is from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008.

Such Policy is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions stated therein.

ATTORNEYS' LIABILITY ASSURANCE SOCIETY, INC.
A RISK RETENTION GROUP

By: Nancy Montroy
Nancy J. Montroy
Vice President - Director of Underwriting

Date: 4/20/07

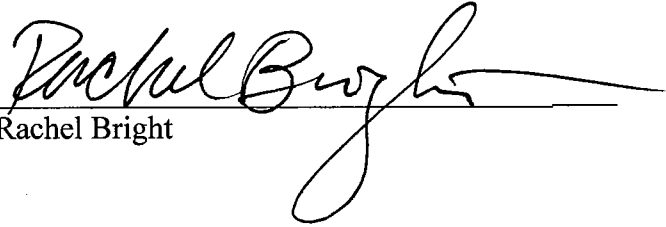
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
ARB 775

I hereby certify on this 20th day of April 2007, true and correct copies of Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.'s Motion to Admit Gregory Merz *Pro Hac Vice* and Affidavit of Gregory Merz in Support of Eschelon Telecom of Oregon, Inc.'s Motion to Admit *Pro Hac Vice* were served via electronic and U.S. mail on the following parties:

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