

ISSUED: November 10, 2004

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 628(1)

In the Matter of)
)
CAL-ORE TELEPHONE CO. and)
QWEST CORPORATION)
)
First Amendment to the Interconnection)
Agreement Previously Submitted For)
Commission Approval Pursuant to Section)
252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of)
1996.)

RULING

DISPOSITION: RESPONSES REQUESTED

On September 28, 2004, Cal-Ore Telephone Co., and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a first amendment (Amendment) to the interconnection agreement previously submitted for Commission approval pursuant to the Telecommunication Act of 1996 (Act). On October 22, 2004, Staff recommended that the Commission reject the Amendment. On November 5, 2004, Qwest responded to Staff's comments. The amendment must be approved or rejected by the Commission by December 27, 2004, or it will be deemed approved under the Act.

Staff is requested to respond to the specifics in Qwest's response by November 24, 2004. Qwest may respond to that filing by December 3, 2004.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 10th day of November, 2004.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge