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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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RIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
Complainant,)
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v.)
)
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADOPTED

On April 7, 2000, Rio Communications, Inc. (Rio) filed a complaint against Qwest Communications, Inc. (Qwest), alleging violations of ORS 759.455 (Senate Bill 622) and breaching the interconnection agreement entered into by the parties pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

On June 19, 2000, the parties filed a stipulation resolving the issues in the complaint and a joint motion for an order approving the stipulation. The stipulation is attached as Appendix A. In the stipulation, Qwest admits that it breached its interconnection agreement with Rio and that it violated ORS 759.455(h). Qwest agrees to remedy the breaches and violations by complying with the stipulation and submitting a remedial plan for Commission approval within two weeks of the filing date of the stipulation. The parties agree to seek Commission approval to assure compliance with the obligations set forth in the stipulation.

On July 5, 2000, Qwest filed its proposed remedial plan. Up to this time, the parties have been negotiating to resolve the issues surrounding the remedial plan. It appears, however, that the terms of the remedial plan will have to be determined by the Commission. The ALJ has set a procedural schedule for completing this case.

The parties request that the Commission approve the stipulation, even though the terms of the remedial plan are still unresolved. We have reviewed the

stipulation and find it reasonable. We see no reason to delay issuing our order adopting the stipulation.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation between Qwest Communications, Inc. and Rio Communication, attached as Appendix A, is adopted.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.