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Allan Arlow
Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol St NE – Suite 215
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RE: UM 1484 - Stipulated Request to Amend Briefing Schedule

Dear Judge Arlow,

As I believe you are aware, the Commission staff's lead attorney for this docket, Jason Jones, had a baby boy on Wednesday of this week. As such, staff would like to extend the schedule for filing the opening and reply briefs in this case to allow a new staff attorney to assist in completing the opening brief.

I am happy to report that all active parties have graciously agreed to the modified briefing schedule as follows:

Opening Brief due January 25, 2011
Reply Brief due February 1, 2011

Staff notes that it greatly appreciates the Joint Applicants' willingness to adjust the schedule to accommodate the Department of Justice's staffing needs and hopes that this change in schedule does not change the aspirational goal of having a Commission order issued in February.

On behalf of all parties, staff asks that you issue a ruling as soon as possible today granting the extension requested by this letter.

Sincerely,

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2 I certify that on January 14, 2011, I served the foregoing Stipulated Request upon the
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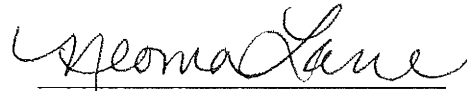
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