

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1481
Phase III

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund.

NOTICE OF COMMISSION
WORKSHOP

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a workshop in these proceedings, as follows:

DATE: April 16, 2015

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Public Utility Commission
Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
3930 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

The Commissioners will attend the workshop. At a minimum, parties should be prepared to address the following questions:

1. How does the existing Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) program work on a granular level?
2. Under current law, what are the Commission's options for administering the OUSF program? What can and can't the Commission do?
3. What are the goals of the program and what metrics should the Commission use to evaluate whether it has achieved those goals?
4. What constitutes available basic telephone service? What defines reasonable and affordable rates?
5. What constitutes a satisfactory alternative such that a landline subsidy is not warranted? (*e.g.*, is the availability of reliable, ubiquitous cellular service sufficient to remove the justification for rural ILEC support?) What criteria should the Commission use to determine whether a satisfactory alternative exists?

6. Should the Commission have a continuing role once the goal of affordable basic telephone service has been met without the need for subsidies?
7. Should the OUSF program be revised to subsidize customers who need basic services at reasonable and affordable rates rather than subsidizing the companies who provide it?

If you have questions, please contact the Administrative Hearings Division by telephone (503-378-6678) or by e-mail (puc.hearings@state.or.us).

Dated this 16th day of March 2015, at Salem, Oregon.

Susan K. Ackerman

John Savage

Stephen M. Bloom

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

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