

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1017(3)

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Investigation into Expansion of the
Oregon Universal Service Fund to
Include the Service Areas of Rural
Telecommunications Carriers

RULING

**DISPOSITION: REQUEST GRANTED; TIME TO RESPOND TO SUBSTANTIVE
MOTION SHORTENED**

On May 22, 2012, the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA), the Oregon Telecommunications Association (OTA) and the Commission Staff filed a Joint Motion to Approve and Accept Memorandum of Understanding (Joint Memorandum). The Joint Memorandum is set for Commission consideration at its June 5, 2012 public meeting.


Under OAR 860-001-0420(5), responses to a substantive motion, such as the one discussed above, must be filed within fifteen days of service of the motion. However, the normal fifteen day period would expire on June 6, 2012, one day after the scheduled public meeting.

On May 24, 2012, OECA and OTA jointly filed a request for expedited treatment for the Joint Memorandum so as not to delay consideration of this matter. OECA and OTA represent that the request has been discussed with Staff and that Staff supports the request.

The parties have shown good cause for shortening the time period in which to respond to the Joint Memorandum and the request should be granted.

I grant the parties' request. Parties shall file pleadings responsive to the Joint Memorandum no later than 5:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, Friday, June 1, 2012.

Dated this 31st day of May, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge