

**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: JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULE GRANTED

On August 26, 2011, Comcast Business Communications LLC , tw telecom of oregon llc, TRACER Oregon , the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA), and Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon filed a joint motion to amend the schedule to allow briefing by the parties and a determination by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) on whether the Commission currently has legal authority to adopt the OECA's proposed expansion of the Oregon Universal Service Fund.

The schedule previously in effect for the remainder of the prehearing phase of this proceeding has been as follows:

OECA and OTA Opening Testimony Due	August 5, 2011
Second Workshop/Settlement Conference	August 23, 2011
Intervenor and Staff Response Testimony Due	September 12, 2011
Third Workshop/Settlement Conference	September 21, 2011
All Parties' Reply Testimony Due	October 7, 2011
Hearing	October 27, 2011

The parties held a workshop on August 16, 2011, at which time, it was agreed to propose a modified schedule, as follows:


Opening brief by OECA due on issue of Commission's authority	September 8, 2011
Responsive briefs by all other parties and Staff due on issue of Commission's authority	September 22, 2011

Reply brief by OECA due, on issue of Commission's authority	September 27, 2011
Responsive testimony tentatively due, only if the Commission has made a determination that it has the authority to adopt OECA's proposal	October 24, 2011
Reply to responsive testimony tentatively due, subject to timing and substance of the Commission's determination on its the authority to adopt OECA's proposal	November 14, 2011
Hearing, subject to timing and substance of the Commission's determination on its authority to adopt OECA's proposal	TBD, week of December 5, 2011

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The parties have shown good cause to grant the joint motion. The changes to the procedural schedule are reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings or burden the record. The schedule proposed above is adopted.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2011 at Salem, Oregon.



 Allan J. Arlow
 Administrative Law Judge