

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1431

In the Matter of

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. and
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION

Joint Application for an Order Declining to Assert
Jurisdiction, or, in the alternative, to Approve the
Indirect Transfer of Control of VERIZON
NORTHWEST INC.

RULING

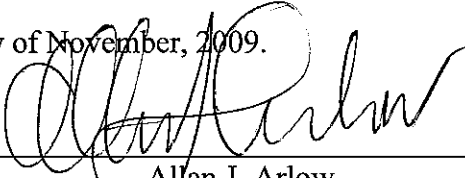
DISPOSITION: PREHEARING PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED

Hearings in this case are currently scheduled to occur on the morning of Wednesday, December 2, 2009, and the entire business days of Thursday, December 3, and Friday, December 4, 2009, with extensive cross-examination of witnesses anticipated. In order to allow for adequate time to conduct examination of witnesses and operate in a fair and efficient manner, the following procedures are adopted:

1. No later than the 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, Parties shall provide each other and the Commission with the names of witnesses they intend to cross-examine and, if possible, identify the portions of the witnesses' testimony that will constitute the subject of such cross-examination. Parties shall also indicate an estimate of the amount of time that the cross-examination of each witness is likely to consume.
2. If two or more Parties intend to cross-examine the same witness, the Parties are encouraged to cooperate with each other in preparing their statements regarding the scope and duration of cross-examination so that duplication of questions is avoided and the amount of time the witness will be on the stand is reduced.
3. Failure to indicate a witness for cross-examination shall constitute a waiver of the right to cross-examine that witness.

4. Prefiled testimony that will not be sponsored by a witness on the stand at hearing shall be submitted by counsel at the hearing along with an accompanying affidavit of the witness attesting to the truthfulness and currency of the prefiled testimony at the time of the hearing.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 20th day of November, 2009.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

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