

ISSUED: November 17, 2009

**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: MOTION TO ADMIT COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE*
GRANTED**

On October 13, 2009, pursuant to UTCR 3.170, Verizon Northwest Inc. filed a motion to admit Christopher Oatway, a member in good standing of the Virginia State Bar, as counsel *pro hac vice* to associate with Oregon attorney Timothy J. O'Connell (Verizon Motion).

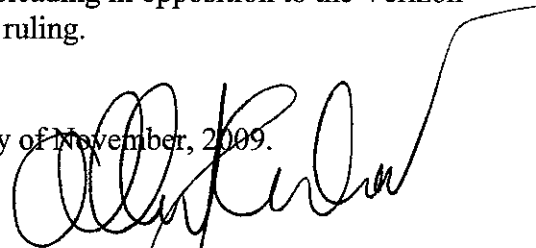
DISCUSSION

The Verizon Motion fulfills the statutory and rule requirements for participation of counsel licensed in another jurisdiction to appear before the Public Utility Commission of Oregon *pro hac vice* and, absent any opposition thereto by a party in this proceeding, should be granted.

RULING

The motion to admit Christopher Oatway as counsel *pro hac vice* is granted, contingent upon the failure to receive any pleading in opposition to the Verizon Motion within five business days of the date of this ruling.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 17th day of November, 2009.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge