

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1481
Phase III

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff Investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund.

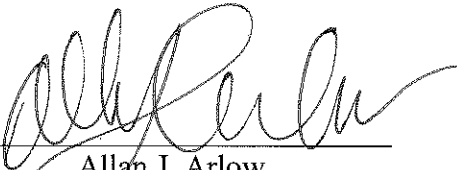
RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO CONTINUE PREHEARING CONFERENCE
CONDITIONALLY GRANTED**

On October 18, 2013, the Oregon Telecommunications Association (OTA) filed a motion to change the prehearing conference date in these proceedings. OTA proposes to change the date of the prehearing conference from October 29, 2013 to November 13, 2013. The delay is requested in order to allow the parties additional time to hold workshops which address issues related to accountability and transparency for the non-rural portion of the Oregon Universal Service Fund. OTA states that it has contacted Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association, Frontier Communications, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, tw telecom, CenturyLink, and Staff and that they have all indicated their availability to participate in the prehearing conference on November 13, 2013. Other parties contacted by OTA have yet to respond.

I find that OTA's motion is reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings. The motion is granted subject to the condition that no objections are received prior to 5:00 p.m. PDT, October 23, 2013.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.


Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge