

ISSUED: March 10, 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1481

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund.

MEMORANDUM

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE MODIFIED

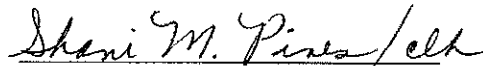
On February 8, 2011, I adopted a revised two-phase schedule for this docket. In Phase II, currently underway, Staff was to distribute a proposal to the docket parties by March 16, 2011, recommending modest interim changes to the Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF). The parties would then have the opportunity to file opening and closing comments on Staff's proposal in May. In Phase III, the Commission would consider large-scale proposals to restructure the purpose and functioning of the OUSF.

After consultation with the Commissioners, I am revising the procedural schedule in this docket. Rather than the parties submitting comments, the Commission will instead conduct a workshop, with Commissioners in attendance, to allow parties to collectively discuss proposed changes to the OUSF and procedures necessary to implement those changes. Parties will also have the opportunity to comment on whether the current structure of the docket allows for adequate process.

To facilitate discussion at the workshop, Staff is directed to circulate prior to the workshop a straw proposal identifying key issues to be addressed, with recommendations for the OUSF's improvement within the framework of current statutory requirements.

Staff will circulate its straw proposal on April 4, 2011. The Commission will contact parties shortly to identify a workshop date.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 10th day of March, 2011.



Shani M. Pines
Administrative Law Judge