

ISSUED: June 28, 2010

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1484

In the Matter of

CENTURYLINK, INC.,

Application for Approval of Merger  
between CenturyTel, Inc., and Qwest  
Communications International, Inc.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE AND MOTION TO APPEAR  
*PRO HAC VICE* GRANTED WITH AND WITHOUT  
CONDITIONS**

On June 4, 2010, Telecommunications Ratepayers Association for Cost-Based and Equitable Rates (TRACER) filed a Petition to Intervene and a Motion to Allow Arthur A. Butler to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* in this proceeding. No objections have been filed with respect to either the Petition or Motion of TRACER. I have reviewed the Petition to Intervene and find that it complies with the requirements of OAR 860-012-0001. I have also reviewed the Motion to Allow Arthur A. Butler to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* and find that it complies with the requirements of UTCR 3.170.

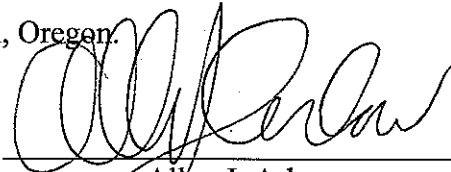
Petitions to Intervene were filed by Priority One Telecommunications, Inc., on June 8, 2010, and by Charter Fiberlink OR-CCV11, LLC, on June 10, 2010. At the prehearing conference held June 8, 2010, I indicated that these petitions would be granted subject to the condition that no oppositions to such petitions were filed with the Commission by the close of business on June 14, 2010. No opposition was received to these petitions by that date.

Petitions to Intervene were filed by Warm Springs Telecommunications Company on June 17, 2010; by 360networks (USA) on June 21, 2010; and by Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Nextel West Corp., and Sprint Spectrum on June 22, 2010. I have reviewed the Petitions to Intervene and find that they comply with the requirements of OAR 860-012-0001.

## RULING

1. The Petitions to Intervene filed by Telecommunications Ratepayers Association for Cost-Based and Equitable Rates; Priority One Telecommunications, Inc.; and Charter Fiberlink OR-CCV11, LLC, are GRANTED.
2. The Motion to Allow Arthur A. Butler to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* in this proceeding is GRANTED.
3. The Petitions to Intervene filed by Warm Springs Telecommunications Company; 360networks (USA); and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Nextel West Corp., and Sprint Spectrum are GRANTED subject to the condition that no oppositions to such petitions are filed with the Commission by the close of business on July 2, 2010.

Dated this 28th day of June, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge

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