

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | NOTICE OF PETITION |
| BEAVER CREEK COOPERATIVE |) | |
| TELEPHONE COMPANY |) | FIRST PREHEARING |
| |) | CONFERENCE REPORT |
| Petition to Consolidate the Beaver Creek |) | |
| Rate Center with the Clackamas Rate |) | |
| Center. |) | |

On March 25, 2004, Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company (Beaver Creek) filed a letter requesting that the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission) issue an order consolidating the Beavercreek rate center with the Clackamas rate center. Beaver Creek states that the proposed consolidation has the potential to result in number conservation, will allow Beaver Creek to operate more efficiently, and will eliminate concerns about number assignment between rate centers. It further maintains that consolidation will not change any customer toll rates or access rates paid by interexchange carriers.

On August 10, 2004, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a motion requesting that the Commission issue an order closing the docket. Qwest claims there is no reason to grant the proposed rate center consolidation and raises factual and legal arguments in opposition to the request.

A telephone prehearing conference was held in this matter on August 11, 2004. At the conference the following matters were discussed:

OAR 860-013-0020. Beaver Creek’s request should be denominated as a petition pursuant to OAR 860-013-0020. Beaver Creek shall have until **August 19, 2004**, to cite any additional statutes or Commission rules in support of its petition. Qwest shall have until **August 26, 2004**, to respond to any additional authority cited by Beaver Creek.

Notice of Petition/Petitions to Intervene. In its motion, Qwest alleges that the proposed rate center consolidation may adversely impact other telecommunications carriers and the public. Therefore, I determined that notice of Beaver Creek’s petition should be circulated and that interested persons be afforded an opportunity to participate.

Petitions to Intervene in this matter shall be filed by August 31, 2004.

Party Meeting/Issues Report. Beaver Creek and Qwest agreed to hold a meeting on **August 19, 2004**, at 10 a.m. to discuss the issues raised by the petition. Following the meeting, the parties will prepare a report identifying the issues that have been resolved, and those that remain unresolved. Mr. Richard Finnigan, counsel for Beaver Creek, will handle the arrangements for the meeting. The Issues Report will be filed with the Commission on **August 27, 2004**.

Second Prehearing Conference. The second telephone prehearing conference will be held in this matter on **September 1, 2004**, at 9:30 a.m. Any person desiring to participate in the conference who did not participate in the first conference should contact my legal secretary, Frances Nichols Anglin, at 503-378-6607, as soon as possible.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 13th day of August, 2004.

Samuel J. Petrillo
Administrative Law Judge