



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

June 2, 2005

Christina Smith
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: CP 1243- Status Report

Dear Judge Smith:

Your Prehearing Conference Report (April 20, 2005) noted that the parties were to meet in a settlement conference on May 31, 2005, and that staff would report the results of the conference by June 8, 2005. Staff reports as follows.

The parties met on May 31st and made some progress toward resolving the open issues. Because of this progress, the parties agreed that by June 8th each party, other than Associated Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. (ACT), would exchange proposed conditions for the Commission certificate that ACT requests. ACT would then review the proposed conditions and report its acceptance, modification or rejection of the proposed conditions to the parties by June 15th. If the parties are able to reach agreement on the proposed conditions, staff would immediately notify you. However, if the parties are unable to reach agreement, all parties ask that you cancel the prehearing conference tentatively scheduled for June 15th and reschedule it for July 15th (again, if needed). The parties anticipate that if they cannot reach agreement on the issues, the July 15th prehearing conference will be required to set the schedule for future necessary events, such as filing testimony and holding a hearing.

Sincerely,

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Regulated Utility & Business Section

C: all parties
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