

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

CP 1242/ CP 1243

In the Matters of)
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 BEAVER CREEK COOPERATIVE)
 TELEPHONE COMPANY)
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 Application for a Certificate of Authority)
 to Provide Telecommunications Service in)
 Oregon and Classification as a Competitive)
 Telecommunications Provider, (CP 1242))
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 ASSOCIATED COOPERATIVE)
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
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 Application for a Certificate of Authority)
 to Provide Telecommunications Service in)
 Oregon and Classification as a Competitive)
 Telecommunications Provider. (CP 1243))

RULING

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SUSPENDED UNTIL JANUARY 28, 2005

On October 4, 2004, Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company (Beaver Creek) submitted a letter requesting that these dockets be held in abeyance pending the resolution of other dockets before the Commission. Specifically, UCB 18 and UM 1140 involve issues that overlap with the issues raised in CP 1242 and CP 1243, therefore the schedule in this case should be suspended so as to conserve resources. The ruling issued October 5, 2004 suspended the schedule until November 30, 2004, at which time Beaver Creek was to submit an update requesting further suspension or submit an issues list as called for by the docket schedule.

The November 30 deadline passed, and a ruling issued on December 1, requesting Beaver Creek to respond within 10 calendar days or the cases could be dismissed for failure to prosecute. On December 8, Beaver Creek filed an update indicating that dockets UCB 18 and UM 1140 are progressing and that this docket should continue to be held in abeyance while those dockets are resolved.

It is still unclear why these dockets should remain open, rather than withdrawn and opened anew once the other dockets are resolved. However, as stated in the October 5 ruling, another 60-day suspension will be granted, until January 28, 2005. At that time, Beaver Creek should submit either an update on whether the schedule should continue to be held in suspension, or an issues list to continue the schedule. Failure to file may result in the case being dismissed for failure to prosecute.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 9th day of December, 2004.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge