

ISSUED: August 31, 2004

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

CP 1242/ CP 1243

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

PREHEARING
CONFERENCE
REPORT

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET

On August 31, 2004, a prehearing conference was held in the above matters. Tom Linstrom represented Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company and Associated Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.; Mike Weirich represented Staff; Don Mason represented Qwest Corporation (Qwest); and Jennifer Niegel and Mitchell Moore represented Clear Creek Mutual Telephone Company (Clear Creek).

On July 8, 2004, the above applications for certificates of authority were filed with the Commission. Within the designated comment period, Clear Creek and Qwest filed protests in both dockets. Under OAR 860-032-0005(7), Qwest and Clear Creek are parties in the docket. In an earlier related proceeding, UM 1142, Michelle Lipka, lipka.com, and Charles Sliger filed petitions to intervene. Due to their interest in this case, they have been made interested persons, but will need to file additional documentation for their petitions to intervene to be considered in this case.

The parties agreed to a few initial dates but not a complete schedule. A schedule was proposed and adopted as follows:

If a stipulated issues list can be reached:

Petitions to intervene due	September 17, 2004
Stipulated issues list	September 30, 2004
Staff memo in support of audit	October 14, 2004
Beaver Creek response to memo	October 28, 2004
Staff reply to response	November 11, 2004
Estimated date of ruling	Week of November 15
Status conference	Week of November 22

If a stipulated issues list cannot be reached, the dates are as follows:

Petitions to intervene due	September 17, 2004
Proposed issues lists	September 30, 2004
Objections to issues lists	October 14, 2004
Response to objections to issues lists	October 25, 2004
Estimated date of ruling	October 29, 2004
Staff memo in support of audit	November 12, 2004
Beaver Creek response to memo	November 29, 2004
Staff reply to response	December 13, 2004
Estimated date of ruling	December 17, 2004
Status conference	Week of December 20, 2004

The schedules for both dockets will be parallel, but the parties do not propose that the dockets be consolidated.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of August, 2004.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge