

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1177

In the Matter of)	
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EDGE WIRELESS, LLC,)	PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
Application for Designation as an Eligible)	REPORT
Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

On December 17, 2004, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. Edge Wireless, LLC, Staff, and the Oregon Telecommunications Association (OTA) filed appearances.

On December 10, 2004, OTA filed a petition to intervene asserting that it has an interest in the proceeding and has knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission in this proceeding. OTA asserts that its participation in this proceeding will not unduly broaden the issues or burden the record. At the conference, no parties objected to the petition and no other objections have been received by the Commission. The petition is granted.

The issues list as used in similar dockets, UM 1083 and UM 1084, was discussed and agreed upon as follows:

1. Is it in the public interest to grant federal Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status to Applicant in rural service areas?
2. Do the commercial mobile radio services of Applicant comply with the requirements of 47 CFR § 54.101(a)?

The parties also agreed to the following procedural schedule, which I adopted during the conference:

Petitions to Intervene Due	December 28, 2004
Workshop/Settlement Conference	January 28, 2005
Staff Report Due	February 2, 2005

The dates for filing are considered "in-hand" dates. If a settlement is not agreed to by February 2, 2005, another prehearing conference will be set to establish a schedule for the remainder of the docket. Barring any unexpected events, the schedule will provide for a Commission order to be issued no later than June 30, 2005.

Finally, I refer the parties to the Administrative Hearings Procedures for contested case proceedings, located at www.puc.state.or.us under the heading "Commission Overview."

Dated this 20th day of December, 2004, at Salem, Oregon.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge