

ISSUED: May 4, 2005

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1191

QWEST CORPORATION,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.)
)
CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.,)
)
Defendant.)

RULING

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA) filed a petition to intervene on April 26, 2005. The petitioner has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petition is granted.

I also note that Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) was to file a stipulation that it would not levy additional sanctions against Qwest Corporation (Qwest) while this case was proceeding, as long as the parties acted in good faith. Qwest relied on the stated stipulation at the prehearing conference in agreeing to a delay in the schedule for negotiations. The stipulation was originally due on April 15, but Qwest filed an extension until April 22 so it could review the filing. The stipulation has not yet been filed, nor has any party attempted to contact the Commission regarding the delay. The delay has been noted, and CEC should comply with its filing requirements as soon as practicable.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 4th day of May, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge