

ISSUED: November 8, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1272

In the Matter of )  
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OREGON TRAIL ELECTRIC )  
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE, INC., )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
ALMEGA CABLE, )  
 )  
Petition for Remedy of Pole Attachment )  
Violations, Payment of Sanctions and Rental )  
Fees, and Removal of Pole Attachment. )

**RULING**

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET**

On November 7, 2006, a telephone prehearing conference was held. Staff participated in person; Oregon Trail Electric Consumers Cooperative, Inc. (OTECC) and Almega Cable participated by telephone.

The parties agreed to the following schedule:

Almega's Answer to the Complaint	November 24, 2006
OTECC Testimony	December 29, 2006
Almega Testimony	January 31, 2007
OTECC Testimony	February 15, 2007
Prehearing Conference	February 28, 2007

Parties should consult the Administrative Hearings guidelines for contested case proceedings, located at [www.puc.state.or.us](http://www.puc.state.or.us) under the heading "Hearings Division," and contact the Commission with any questions about Commission practice.

Further, I have told the Board of the Oregon Joint Use Association (OJUA) that there is an open docket regarding pole attachment safety and sanction issues, and asked that they contact the parties in this case to see if they can be a resource in resolving the dispute. The OJUA has a role in dispute resolution pursuant to

OAR 860-028-0200 and 860-028-0220. In no way would OJUA's involvement abridge the rights of the parties to pursue litigation through the Commission or other venues; however, the OJUA represents a variety of perspectives in joint pole use, including cable companies and consumer-owned utilities, and I believe they may be of assistance, particularly in the pre-hearing phase of this case.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day of November, 2006.

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Christina M. Hayes  
Administrative Law Judge