

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

AR 533

In the Matter of a Clarifying)	
OAR 860-032-0620, Quarterly OUS)	Comments of Verizon
Report: Filing and Payment.)	

Verizon¹ submits these comments to address the proposed requirement that an officer of a filing entity be required to sign Oregon Universal Service (“OUS”) contribution reports.

Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission also authorize an individual designated by an officer of a filing entity to sign the OUS contribution report. Verizon’s financial group prepares the OUS contribution reports based upon the records maintained by that organization. The persons who prepare the reports are the best individuals to verify that the information in those reports is accurate and correct; if permitted, such individuals would likely be designated by Verizon officers to sign the contribution report.

Verizon supports the rationale in comments filed by Qwest Corporation dated February 26, 2009, and Technologies Management, Inc., on March 10, 2009, that also request the Commission to authorize persons in lieu of officers to sign the report.

Verizon requests that the Commission modify section 1 of OAR 860-032-0620 to include the new language in capital letters as follows:

¹ The Verizon entities filing these comments are: Verizon Northwest Inc.; MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services; MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services; TTI National, Inc.; Teleconnect Long Distance Services and Systems Co. d/b/a Telecom USA; Verizon Select Services Inc.; Verizon Enterprise Solutions LLC f/k/a NYNEX Long Distance Company d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions; and Verizon Long Distance LLC f/k/a Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Long Distance.

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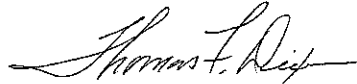
Quarterly OUS Report: Filing and Payment

(1) For the purpose of the OUS fund, a telecommunications provider **shall** file its contribution report with the OUS Administrator. The contribution report is due on or before the 10th day of the second month after the close of each three-month quarter (i.e. approximately 40 days after the end of each three-month quarter). **The contribution report must include the signature of an officer of the company (telecommunications provider) OR, IN LIEU THEREOF, THE SIGNATURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED BY AN OFFICER TO SIGN THE CONTRIBUTION REPORT verifying the information in the contribution report.** A telecommunications provider **shall** send its contribution report so that it is received in the OUS Administrator's offices no later than 5 p.m. on the date it is due.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully requests that the Commission modify its proposed Section 1 of OAR 860-032-0620 to authorize an individual designated by an officer to sign OUS contribution reports.

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