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Public Utilities Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
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Re: *Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Indirect Transfer of Control of Verizon Northwest Inc.; UM 1431*

Dear Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing is a Motion to Admit Counsel *Pro Hac Vice*, including the Affidavit of Christopher Oatway and a Certificate of Good Standing for the State of Virginia.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J. O'Connell', is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy J. O'Connell

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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1431

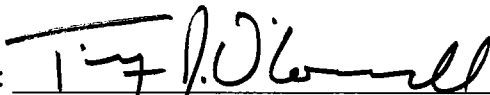
In the Matter of)
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and FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS)
CORPORATION)
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Transfer of Control of)
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.)

**MOTION TO ADMIT
COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE***

Pursuant to UTCR 3.170, Verizon Northwest Inc. (“Verizon”) hereby moves to admit Christopher Oatway, a member in good standing in the State of Virginia, as counsel *pro hac vice* for Verizon Communications Inc. in this proceeding. This Motion is supported by the attached Affidavit of Christopher Oatway.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2009.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
CHRISTOPHER OATWAY**

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
)
County of Arlington)

I, Christopher Oatway, being first duly sworn, hereby state:

1. I am admitted to practice law in the State of Virginia and am an attorney in good standing in that jurisdiction. Attached to this Affidavit is a true and correct copy of a certificate showing that I am an attorney in good standing in the State of Virginia. I am not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings in the State of Virginia.

2. I will associate in this matter with Timothy J. O'Connell of Stoel Rives, LLP. I am currently the Assistant General Counsel – Legal for Verizon. To the best of my knowledge, Timothy J. O'Connell is an active member in good standing of the Oregon State Bar.

3. I will comply with all applicable statutes, laws, and procedural rules of the State of Oregon; be familiar with and comply with the disciplinary rules of the Oregon State Bar; and submit to jurisdiction of the Oregon courts and the Oregon State Bar with respect to acts and omissions occurring during my admission *pro hac vice* in this matter.

4. I agree to notify this administrative agency of any changes in my status, as required by UTC 3.170(1)(f).

DATED this 10th day of November, 2009.

Christopher Oatway
Christopher Oatway

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of November, 2009

Wilma D. Newby
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of
Virginia, residing at Woodbridge.
My Commission expires: March 31, 2011





VIRGINIA STATE BAR

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT CHRISTOPHER DAVID OATWAY IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR IN GOOD STANDING. PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT RULE 1A:5, PART 1, MR. OATWAY IS LIMITED TO PRACTICING LAW IN VIRGINIA AS IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL FOR VERIZON, RENDERING LEGAL ADVICE AND SERVICES EXCLUSIVELY FOR HIS EMPLOYER.

Issued November 10, 2009

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