

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

DOCKET NO. UM 1481

In the Matter of

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Staff Investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund

PETITION TO INTERVENE
 and WAIVER OF PAPER
SERVICE

Pursuant to OAR-860-013-0021, Warm Springs Telecommunications Company (WSTC) petitions to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this petition, the following is provided:

1. The contact information (name, address, email address) of the petitioner is:

Name:

Company: Warm Springs Telecommunications Company (WSTC)

Street Address: P.O. Box 1186

City, State, Zip: Warm Springs, OR, 97761

Email Address: marsha@convergecomm.com

Telephone: (541) 553-3565

Please include this contact on the service list.

2a. The petitioner will will not be represented by counsel in this proceeding. The contact information for petitioner's counsel to be included on the service list is:

Name:

Company:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Telephone:

2b. Additional contacts to be included on the service list (a petitioner is limited to two contacts on the service list UNLESS waiving paper service):

Name: Marsha Spellman

Company: WSTC

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Company: WSTC
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Name:
Company:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
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Telephone:

Additional contacts to be included on the service list are listed on an attached sheet.

3. If the petitioner is an organization, the number of members in and the purposes of the organization:

List of Members attached

4. The nature and extent of the Petitioner's interest in the proceeding is:

WSTC is a tribally owned Oregon CLEC that intends to serve the residents of the Warm Springs reservation that are presently unserved and underserved. While WSTC does not receive OUSF funding, WSTC has an interest in preserving funding that enables companies which intend to provide service in rural Oregon to underserved populations.

5. The issues the Petitioner intends to raise at the proceeding are:

Reinvesting of OUSF funding to companies that upgrade and improve services to high cost areas.

Funding to enable parity for all Oregonians to access telephone and broadband services at affordable rates.

6. The special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioner that would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in the proceeding is:

WSTC is a tribally owned company. Tribes are sovereign nations focused on self determination. Presently less than 70% of tribal residents receive basic telephone service, and fewer have access to broadband. With significant unemployment, (A 2009 study indicates that Warm Springs has about 68% unemployment.), lack of educational opportunities and great health care problems (average age for men on the Reservation is 49 years), it is critical that telecommunications funding reaches the poorest communities in Oregon. It is the Tribes' belief that the Universal Service Fund is significant to increase telecommunications to help solve many of these social ills, especially on tribal lands.

7. Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, I request to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. I or the organization that I represent will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-012-0001.

Marsha Spellman,
Regulatory Manager
Warm Springs Telecommunications Company

Petitioner or Petitioner's Representative

Date Signed

