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Oregon Public Utility Commission

Re: Docket No. AR 592- Temporary Rules to Implement SB 611; Nov. 3, 2015 Public Meeting,
Regular Agenda Item 2

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Google Fiber Oregon, LLC to urge the Commission to adopt the temporary rules that are being proposed by Staff. These rules are the result of a collaborative work effort among your Staff, several industry participants, the Department of Revenue, and Oregon cities and counties, including the City of Portland. We would like to commend and thank Staff for its diligent efforts to develop rules that fairly implement the intent of the legislature and strike an appropriate balance between different alternatives.

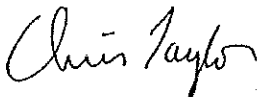
As you know, these rules are intended to set forth the requirements for an application under Senate Bill 611 of 2015. SB 611 provides a property tax incentive for a company that makes an investment to bring very high-speed Internet service to residential customers in Oregon.

The law requires applications to be filed by January 15 of a given year and further requires the Commission to make a final determination by March of the same year. Google intends to file an application for consideration by the Commission in early 2016. The rules proposed by Staff, which are the result of vigorous discussion and compromise on all sides, set forth comprehensive requirements for the information required in the application. Google fully supports prompt approval of the temporary rules so there are no impediments to its filing a timely application and so it may promptly seek a favorable determination, which is critical to Google's continuing work on the deployment of a fiber optic network in and around Portland.

We urge the Commission to approve these temporary rules so Google will be able to file an application in the next two months, requesting a favorable determination from the Commission by March 2016. This will enable Google to continue with planning its efforts to bring cutting-edge, high-speed Internet access service to Oregon customers. We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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