

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1908, UM 2206

In the Matters of

LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES,¹

Proposed Commission Action Pursuant
to ORS 756.515 to Suspend and
Investigate Price Plan (UM 1908), and

QWEST CORPORATION,

Investigation Regarding the Provision of
Service in Jacksonville, Oregon and
Surrounding Areas (UM 2206).

Hearing Relating to Order Nos. 22-340
and 22-422.

RULING AND MEMORANDUM

**DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED, HEARING INFORMATION AND
DEADLINES PROVIDED**

RULING

On December 7, 2022, Lumen Technologies, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink (Lumen) filed a motion to extend time to file prehearing briefs. The company is requesting to extend the due date from December 9, 2022, to December 13, 2022. Lumen states it has conferred with the parties, and they support or do not object to the extension.

Given that the motion is unopposed, I find good cause exists to grant Lumens motion. The deadline for the parties to file prehearing briefs is changes from December 9, 2022, to December 13, 2022.

HEARING INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

The Commission will conduct the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding on December 21, 2022, via Zoom. A notice of hearing will be sent separately. The Commission will use only the audio and video functionality of Zoom. Other functions will be disabled, unless otherwise indicated by the ALJ at the hearing. In the event of an issue with the Zoom platform, we will conduct the hearing via teleconference.

¹ Formerly known as Qwest Corporation, United Telephone Company of the Northwest, CenturyTel of Oregon, and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon.

A court reporter or transcriber will provide an official transcript of the proceeding. Any recording of the hearing, either video or audio, is prohibited. The official transcript will be available from the court reporter or transcriber after the hearing.

For purposes of this hearing, active participants include parties, testifying witnesses, their counsel, and cross-examining counsel or parties. Active participants will be provided with registration information prior to the hearing. While each witness is testifying, the witness, their designated counsel, and the cross-examining counsel or party should plan to be visible via video. We anticipate providing a view or listen only option for anyone who wishes to observe or listen to the hearing.

If you will be an active participant in these proceedings, please see the attached participant instructions and recommendations to set up and test Zoom prior to the hearing. We will be unable to provide technical support. All parties should be prepared to trouble shoot and work the Zoom tools themselves. Please ensure that you are familiar with how to mute and unmute yourself, and enable and disable video prior to the hearing.

Each party participating in the upcoming December 21, 2022 evidentiary hearing in this proceeding must provide the following no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 15, 2022:

- Cross-examination statements. This statement should provide the following information: the party which the filer intends to cross exam, the witness, the estimated time and subject matter, and the Counsel (if applicable, any party included parties not represented by counsel may conduct cross examination) whom will conduct the cross examination.
- Exhibits. Parties may utilize exhibits in cross examination. Exhibits must be pre-marked as indicated in OAR 860-001-0480.
- List of Materials to be referenced at the hearing. This should include a list of any documents to be referenced during the hearing, including page references. Parties may supplement this list up until the day before the hearing, December 20, 2022.

Procedural matters should be raised in advance of the hearing, in writing, so as not to delay the hearing. Any necessary rulings on procedural matters will be issued at the beginning of the hearing.

Affidavits in support of any testimony or exhibits parties seek to offer into evidence, along with motions to admit will be due by 3:00 p.m. on December 23, 2022. Objections to any motion must be filed by December 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Attachment: Zoom Instructions and Tips

Zoom Instructions and Tips

Set up a Zoom account and install Zoom Client for Meetings:

1. If you do not already have a Zoom account, set one up at <https://zoom.us>. A paid Zoom account is not necessary for any interaction with the Commission.
2. Log into <https://zoom.us/profile> and set your name, phone and email. Including a photo will help identify you when connecting.
3. Install the latest Zoom Client for Meetings at <https://zoom.us/download>. Although Zoom can be used in a browser, it is not suitable for participating with the Commission. The full Zoom client is required for best functionality.

Test the system prior to the date of the hearing using the following steps:

1. Connect your device to power. Avoid using a mobile device if possible. Although tablets and smartphones can be used, they are very limited, and the performance is inferior.
2. Make sure your internet connection is good:
<https://www.pcworld.com/article/2048594/how-to-test-your-home-internet-speed.html>
3. Test your video. Ensure that you know how to turn your video camera on and off.
4. Test your audio. Ensure that you know how to mute and unmute yourself.
5. Turn off all audio disruptions (phones, messaging alerts, email alerts, etc.)
6. Run a quick test to connect with another Zoom user, or use the Zoom test:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115002262083-Joining-a-test-meeting>

During the hearing, please:

1. Mute your phone, and mute all sounds from all other applications (email notifications, chat messaging, etc.).
2. Avoid using battery power only. Plug into a good power source while in a Zoom meeting.
3. Avoid noisy and echoing locations. Use of a headset will improve audio quality when this is unavoidable.
4. Avoid distracting real or virtual backgrounds.
5. Avoid poor camera positioning. Try to frame yourself so you take up most the screen, at eye level.
6. Avoid running any unnecessary applications besides Zoom, to conserve your computer's processing power and networking.