

## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** GENERAL COUNSEL DIVISION

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## Re: UM 1908– Docket Management Proposal

In ALJ Moser's memorandum of September 29, 2022, Dockets UM 1908 and UM 2206 were consolidated. As a result, both Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff's (Staff) investigation into Lumen's price plan and Lumen's request for a hearing on Order No. 22-340 are currently being addressed in the same docket, which is designated as having contested case status.<sup>1</sup> As requested during the October 6, 2022, prehearing conference Staff submits this proposal for managing Docket No. UM 1908.

Since no party asserts that the investigation into the price plan should be delayed,<sup>2</sup> Staff submits that both the investigation into Lumen's Price Plan and the hearing on Order 22-340 should proceeded simultaneously. Staff proposes that the price plan investigation should not proceed as a contested case in order to enable broad stakeholder participation without imposing the procedural requirement to intervene. With respect to the hearing on Order No 22-340, Staff believes this is appropriately designated a contested case.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Docket No. UM 1908, Ruling and Memorandum of ALJ Moser, Sept. 29, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Docket No. UM 1908, Lumen's Reply in Support of Request for a Hearing Pursuant to ORS 756.515(5), Oct. 11, 2022 (Lumen has not asserted that Staff's investigation should be delayed); *see generally* Docket No. UM 1908 (no parties have contended that the investigation into Lumen's price plan should be delayed).