

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1547

In the Matter of


PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON STAFF,

Investigation of Call Termination Issues.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

On April 4, 2012, I adopted a procedural schedule in this docket calling for Staff to file opening comments on April 24, 2012, and intervenors to file reply comments on May 29, 2012. On April 23, 2012, Staff filed opening comments recommending that an emergency rulemaking be initiated to expressly prohibit discriminatory practices in the provision of telecommunications service. Staff noted that the problem of call termination impacts public health and safety by, *inter alia*, interfering with the transfer of 911 emergency telephone calls. Intervenors have not yet had the opportunity to comment on Staff's proposal. In the interest of addressing this issue promptly, the Commission will contact all parties shortly to schedule a prehearing conference. At the conference, I will request feedback from the parties regarding Staff's recommended emergency rulemaking. I ask that, in advance of the prehearing conference, Staff circulate its proposed rules to parties for review.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge