BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1686

In the Matter of

CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, CENTURYTEL OF EASTERN OREGON, AND UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST,

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

Petition for Approval of Price Plan Pursuant to ORS **7**59.255.

On July 8, 2014, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Commission Staff; CenturyTel of Oregon d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon d/b/a CenturyLink, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (collective CenturyLink); Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); Telecommunications Ratepayers Association for Cost-based and Equitable Rates (TRACER); TW Telecom; and Integra Telecom, Inc.

Staff informed participants that settlement discussions had occurred and that an agreement in principle was reached with efforts underway to develop settlement documents. Staff indicated that the purpose of the prehearing conference was to identify all interested parties before circulation of the settlement documents. Staff indicated that the League of Oregon Cities had advised that it did not object to the proposed settlement because it did not include a request for waiver of OAR 860-022-0042.

Any participant that desires party status should file a petition to intervene as soon as possible, preferably by July 15, 2014.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2014, at Salem, Oregon.

Traci A. G. Kirkpatrick Administrative Law Judge