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**Subject:** Re: Docket Number UM 1908--Notice of Filing--Oregon PUC  
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To all concerned,

Two things to note and clarify here...

For the record, my Labor Day outage on the 5th lasted 6-7 days, not 4 days.

Also, please understand, you can't replace copper lines with "fiber" optic lines. The whole purpose of copper landline infrastructure is that it carries with it, its own power, and is not dependent on area power, or internet connectivity. There is no effective replacement for old school copper landlines. In the event of areawide power outages, landline calls can still be made, incoming and outgoing calls still work, reverse 911 still works and EMERGENCY 911 calls still work.

THEY NEED TO FIX AND MAINTAIN THE "**COPPER**" **LINES INFRASTRUCTURE**

PHONE COMPANIES / UTILITY COMPANIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE TRYING TO DO AWAY WITH COPPER. IF THIS HAPPENS RURAL AREAS AND REMOTE LOCATIONS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE OR RECEIVE CALLS DURING POWER OUTAGES OR INTERNET OUTAGES

On Wed, Sep 20, 2023 at 3:31 PM WALKER Cheryl \* PUC  
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Description: Priscilla Weaver's comments for 9/21/23 public meeting.  
Docket Name: UNITED/QWEST/CENTURYLINK JOINT PETITION FOR PRICE PLAN AND PARTIAL WAIVER  
Utility Company: CENTURYTEL OF OREGON INC -- TELE, UTIL\_T  
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