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Ms. Frances. Nichols-Anglin
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Re: UM 1217

Dear Ms. Nichols-Anglin:

On behalf of Malheur Home Telephone Company, enclosed please find an original and (5) copies of its Petition to Intervene.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Carla Butler at your convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carla M. Butler

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1217

In the Matter of

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Staff Investigation to Establish Requirements
for Initial Designation and Recertification of
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to
Receive Federal Universal Service Support

PETITION TO INTERVENE BY
MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE
COMPANY

Pursuant to OAR 860-013-0021, Malheur Home Telephone Company (“Malheur”) submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. Malheur recognizes that the official date to intervene has expired. However, it has recently come to its attention that although Malheur’s parent company, Qwest Corporation, is a party to this docket, Malheur itself, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qwest, and a rural ILEC and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in its four exchanges (Vale, Nyssa, Ontario and Oregon Slope) in eastern Oregon, had not formally intervened. Accordingly, Malheur respectfully requests it be allowed to intervene in this docket.

I. Name and Address of Petitioner

Malheur Home Telephone Company
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P. O. Box 249
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II. Name and Address of Petitioner’s Attorneys

Petitioner will be represented in these proceedings by the following attorney:

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Malheur also requests the following Malheur executive be placed on the service list:

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III. Nature and Extent of Petitioner's Interest in This Proceeding

This docket involves Commission Staff's investigation to establish requirements for initial designation and recertification of telecommunications carriers eligible to receive Federal Universal Service Support (ETCs). Malheur, a wholly-owned subsidiary of intervenor Qwest Corporation, is a rural ILEC and currently an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in its four exchanges (Vale, Nyssa, Ontario and Oregon Slope) in eastern Oregon.

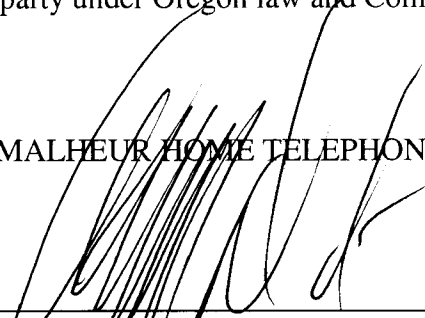
By virtue of its status as a rural ILEC and an ETC in these four exchanges, Malheur is likely to be affected by any decision by the Commission with respect to this investigation. As such, Malheur has a sufficient interest in this proceeding, as it is a telecommunications provider, rural ILEC and an ETC that may be impacted by the Commission's decisions in this matter.

Malheur generally intends to address or comment on various issues pertaining to this investigation, including the criteria for certification and recertification in rural areas. Malheur has knowledge and experience that will assist the Commission and the parties in addressing the issues presented in this proceeding. Malheur's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.

Accordingly, Malheur respectfully requests the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene in this docket with all of the rights afforded a full party under Oregon law and Commission rules.

DATED: November 11, 2005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE VIA E-MAIL

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY PETITION TO INTERVENE was served on the 11th day of November, 2005 via e-mail electronic transmission upon the following individuals:

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Dated this 11th day of November, 2005.

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