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VIA E-MAIL

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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**Re: Public Comment on Applications for Qualified Project Determination
Docket Nos. UM 1760, 1761 & 1762**

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association (“OCTA”), I want to congratulate the Commission on its successful implementation of SB 611 and Staff’s tireless efforts reviewing the applications for qualified project determination of Comcast, Google and Frontier. Staff’s reports are not only thorough but also thoughtful.

This is an historic moment for the State of Oregon. Gigabit service will redefine how Oregonians communicate and do business and make Oregon an innovation and technology leader, exactly as the legislature intended. By 2017, three companies in Oregon will be offering gigabit service to residential customers. Others will very likely follow suit. I anticipate that in just a few short years, Oregon will be among the best-connected markets in the United States.

The Commission Staff has already recommended that the Commission approve the Comcast, Google and Frontier applications. OCTA respectfully urges the Commission to approve the applications and usher in a new era in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Dewey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Dewey" clearly legible.

Mike Dewey