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TO: UM 2040 Stakeholders

RE: 2040 – In the Matter of PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON, Investigation of the Oregon Universal Fund.

Stakeholders are invited to file Straw Proposals as discussed in the Workshop on November 30, 2020. Proposals are due (filed in the docket) by January 18, 2021.

## Proposal Outline

Per the statute - support equals the difference between the cost of providing basic telephone service and the benchmark, less explicit compensation received from federal sources specifically used to recover local loop costs and less any explicit support received from a federal universal service program.

Proposals should address all companies potentially receiving support including CLECs.

Proposals should address the following issues:

How would you determine the cost of basic telephone service?

What model/s should be used?

If more than one cost model is to be used do you foresee any issues ensuring comparable costs basis's or cost allocations? How would these issues be resolved?

What services would these costs support?

What does this cost represent in terms of network elements?

If these network elements support more than voice services, would costs be allocated and if so on what basis?

What would the benchmark reflect? How would you calculate the benchmark? Would there be more than one benchmark?

What federal compensation used to recover local loop costs should be deducted?

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What federal support should be deducted? If any of the federal support funds should be allocated between services or jurisdictions, how would you achieve this?

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