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Oregon Public Utility Commission
PO Box 1088
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Re: UM 2040 Petition to Intervene of Oregon Telephone Corporation

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Oregon Telephone Corporation, we have attached the Petition to Intervene in the OUSF docket that is designated as UM 2040. If you have any questions pertaining to this filing, please contact me on 503-612-4409.

Sincerely,
s/JHS

Jeffry H. Smith
VP of Public Policy and Advocacy

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2040

In the Matter of		
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON		PETITION TO INTERVENE OF OREGON TELEPHONE CORPORATION
Investigation of the Oregon Universal Service Fund		

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0300(2), Oregon Telephone Corporation (OTC) submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned docket.

Name and address of Petitioners

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Purpose of organization

Oregon Telephone Corporation and its affiliated companies provide rural broadband service in remote areas in eastern Oregon.

Nature and extent of Petitioner's interest in the proceedings

OTC provides rural broadband service in high cost to serve areas of Oregon. OTC uses its current Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) distributions to provide quality service to its rural customers. Any proposed changes to the OUSF could negatively impact OTC's ability to provide this service.

The issues Petitioners intend to raise in this proceeding

OTC expects to raise issues related to any impacts on its OUSF funding that are raised in the Commission's investigation in this docket.

Any special knowledge or expertise of the Petitioners which would assist the Commission in resolving the issues in this proceeding

OTC has direct knowledge of the challenges of providing communications services to carriers situated in rural and remote Oregon locations. These high cost to serve areas are one of the reasons that the state established the OUSF. This experience of providing the actual service in these rural portions of the state will prove to be valuable to the Commission as it completes this periodic review of state universal funding issues.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of December 2020.

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