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Public Utilities Commission  
P O Box 1088  
Salem, OR. 97308

Re: UM 2040 Petition to intervene of Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed please find the petition to intervene in the above referenced docket of Oregon-Idaho Utilities. If you have any questions pertaining to this filing, please address them to myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Musgrave', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Douglas Musgrave  
General Manager  
Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.

enclosure

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 2040**

In the Matter of		
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON		PETITION TO INTERVENE OF OREGON-IDAHO UTILITIES, INC.
Investigation of the Oregon Universal Service Fund		

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Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0300(2), Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. (OIU) submits this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned docket.

Name and address of Petitioners

Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.  
1023 North Horton Street  
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Name and address of company contact/ authorized representative

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Purpose of organization

Oregon-Idaho Utilities (OIU) is a Certificated, Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, and Carrier of Last Resort that provides communications services, including basic telephone and broadband services in remote areas of Eastern Oregon.

Nature and extent of Petitioner's interest in the proceedings

OIU provides basic communications services in rural, high cost of service areas in Oregon. OIU uses its current Oregon Universal Service Fund (OUSF) distributions to provide high quality service to its rural customers. Any proposed changes to the OUSF has the potential to negatively impact OIU's ability to provide these services.

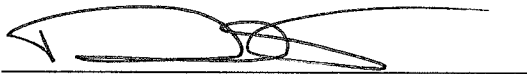
The issues Petitioners intend to raise in this proceeding

OIU expects to address issues related to impacts to 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

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

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



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