BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1481 Phase III

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Staff Investigation of the Oregon Universal Service Fund.

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The Active Parties¹ to Phase III of this docket hereby submit this Joint Motion for Extension of Time to request that the Commission grant a 21-day extension to the December 1, 2014, deadline for the Commission Staff and Active Parties to jointly submit a report addressing the status of broadband availability in rural telephone exchange service areas ("Rural Broadband Report"). *See* Order No. 14-113 at 4 (entered April 7, 2014), as clarified on October 27, 2014. In support of this Motion the Active Parties state the following:

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, Staff distributed to the service list in this docket a rough draft of the Rural Broadband Report. Staff has taken the lead on drafting the Rural Broadband Report because it is the only party with complete access to all of the confidential carrier data that had been submitted in response to the Bench Request, served May 5, 2014. The rough draft is currently incomplete and identifies areas where staff does not have data necessary to fully address the questions posed. The Active parties believe that it will be impractical, if not

¹ The Active Parties in Phase III include: the Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association, the Oregon Telecommunications Association, Frontier Communications of Oregon, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Citizens Utility Board, Verizon, AT&T, Warm Springs Telecom, and the Telecommunications Ratepayers Association For Cost-based and Equitable Rates (TRACER).

impossible, to complete the Rural Broadband Report, as described in the October 27, 2014, clarification by the December 1, 2014 deadline. The Active Parties respectfully request that the Commission extend the deadline by three weeks in order for Commission Staff and the Active Parties to work together to prepare a comprehensive and accurate Rural Broadband Report. Commission Staff does not oppose this Joint Motion for an Extension of Time.

No parties to the proceeding will be prejudiced by the proposed extension to the December 1, 2014 deadline. No parties object to the request for extension.

For the foregoing reasons, the Active Parties request that the procedural schedule be suspended.

DATED this 24th day of November, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UM 1481, PHASE III

I certify that, on November 24, 2014, I served a copy of the foregoing **JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** on the following persons via electronic mail AND sent the **original and one copy of each** to the PUC Filing Center via UPS Overnight delivery:

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