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Ms. Frances Nichols
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
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Salem, OR 97301-2551

Re: Cingular Wireless "PETITION TO INTERVENE"

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Enclosed for filing is Cingular Wireless' Petition to Intervene which has been filed electronically. The original is being delivered via UPS next day mail.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1217

In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	
OREGON)	CINGULAR WIRELESS
)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Staff Investigation to Establish Requirements)	
For Initial Designation and Recertification of)	
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible to)	
Receive Federal Universal Service Support)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF CINGULAR WIRELESS

Pursuant to OAR 860-012-001, Cingular Wireless (“Cingular”) respectfully petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. Cingular operates in Oregon through the following four affiliates: New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, Medford Cellular Telephone Company, Inc., Salem Cellular Telephone Company, and Hood River Cellular Telephone Company, Inc.

In support of its petition, Cingular states as follows:

I. Petitioner’s Name and Address

Cingular’s name and address are:

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II. Petitioner's Authorized Representative and Attorney

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III. The Nature and Extent of Petitioner's Interest

Cingular is interested in the issues raised in this proceeding. In March 2005, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") formally adopted new requirements for determining eligibility of carriers for universal service fund support. See FCC Order 05-46, Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45, *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, released March 17, 2005. In response to the FCC's encouragement that states adopt the same requirements, staff recommended this investigation to allow the Commission to consider the FCC requirements for the two processes a carrier must engage in: (1) the initial designation process, in which a carrier is first granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) status, and (2) the annual recertification process, which enables designated ETCs to continue receiving support each year. Cingular is a Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider and may apply for ETC status in the future. Accordingly, Commission resolution of the issues in this case may impact Cingular, both in terms of an initial ETC designation and annual ETC recertification.

IV. Issues Petitioner Intends to Address

Cingular will address such issues as it deems relevant in this proceeding, including but not limited to, all issues relevant to providers of wireless telecommunications services in Oregon.

V. Petitioner's Knowledge and Expertise Regarding the Issues Raised

Cingular is the largest wireless carrier in the U.S. and has knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission and the parties in addressing the issues presented in this proceeding.

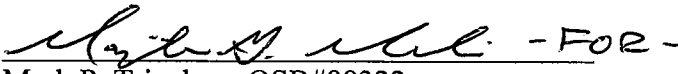
Cingular's appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay this proceeding.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, Cingular requests the Commission grant its Petition to Intervene.

DATED this 23 day of September, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing "PETITION TO INTERVENE"
on behalf of Cingular Wireless upon the parties named on the attachment via email.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2005.

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Docket No: UM 1217 Docket Name: TELCO CARRIERS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

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