

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)
OREGON)
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Staff Investigation to Establish)
Requirements for Initial Designation and)
Recertification of Telecommunications)
Carriers Eligible to Receive Federal)
Universal Service Support.)

RULING

DISPOSITION: PETITION TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On November 14, 2005, Malheur Home Telephone Company (Malheur) filed a petition to intervene in this proceeding. While Malheur's parent company, Qwest Corporation, is a party to this proceeding, Malheur itself, a rural ILEC and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in eastern Oregon, has not formally intervened.

Malheur has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petition to intervene is granted.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 28th day of November 2005.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge