## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

## **OF OREGON**

## UM 1241

| CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING   | )        |
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| COMPANY, LLC, FALCON TELECABLE,  | )        |
| L.P., FALCON CABLE SYSTEMS       | )        |
| COMPANY II, L.P., and FALCON     | )        |
| COMMUNITY VENTURES I, L.P.,      | )        |
|                                  | ) RULING |
| Complainants,                    | )        |
|                                  | )        |
| V.                               | )        |
|                                  | )        |
| CENTRAL LINCOLN PEOPLE'S UTILITY | )        |
| DISTRICT,                        | )        |
|                                  | )        |
| Defendant.                       | )        |

## DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED

On February 27, 2006, Verizon Northwest, Inc., (Verizon) filed a petition to intervene, asserting that its prior litigation with Central Lincoln People's Utility District (CLPUD) underlies the pending dispute, and therefore it has knowledge and expertise that will assist the Commission and the parties in resolving the issues presented in this proceeding. Verizon states that it will not raise any issues outside those encompassed by the Complaint, nor does it seek to burden the record or delay the proceeding.

On March 3, 2006, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) refiled its petition to intervene. PGE states that it has many pole attachment agreements with various parties, including Complainant. PGE notes that it has previously raised concerns about the precedential effect of the Commission decisions in UM 1087, and raises other issues related to pole attachment contracts.

The petitions are granted. The parties are reminded that this complaint focuses on the contract provisions between two parties, and only arguments regarding the merits of those provisions are relevant to this proceeding. The intervenors' participation is limited to the "just, fair and reasonable" nature of the contract rates, terms and conditions raised by Charter Communications in its contract with CLPUD.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of March, 2006.

Christina M. Smith Administrative Law Judge