

ISSUED: July 14, 2009

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1431

In the Matter of

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC. and
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION

Joint Application for an Order Declining to Assert
Jurisdiction, or, in the alternative, to Approve the
Indirect Transfer of Control of VERIZON
NORTHWEST INC.

RULING

DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE GRANTED

Petitions to intervene in this proceeding were filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a PAETEC Business Services, and Level 3 Communications LLC on June 30, 2009, and by 360networks (USA) inc. on July 2, 2009. No answers to those petitions were filed within the time period set forth in OAR 860-013-0050(c).

Discussion. Having reviewed each petition, I find that petitioners are in compliance with the requirements of ORS 756.525 and OAR 860-021-0001; they have sufficient interest in the proceeding, and their appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding.

RULING

The Petitions to Intervene filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a PAETEC Business Services; Level 3 Communications LLC; and 360networks (USA) inc. are GRANTED.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of July, 2009



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge