

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UT 125

In the Matter of

QWEST CORPORATION, fka
US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Application for Increase in Revenues.

MEMORANDUM

On August 18, 2023, Mr. Richard D. Gaines filed a letter in these proceedings. He indicated and explained why he is the successor in interest to claims by NSC Communications Public Services Corporation (NSC), an interested party, in this docket.

Mr. Gaines also indicated he formerly worked with Mr. Frank Patrick regarding representation of Northwest Public Communications Council (NPPC) in these proceedings. In that role, he explains he executed a protective order regarding confidentiality in this docket on July 12, 2018. He asks whether he continues to be bound by that protective order or whether he needs to execute a new protective order.

On August 28, 2023, Mr. Patrick filed a letter asking that Mr. Gaines be removed from the service list for NPCC and that James A. Pikel be added.

Based on the information contained in these filings, this memorandum clarifies the procedural standing of, and the representation for, NPPC and NSC in these proceedings. NPPC is a party¹ and is represented by Mr. Patrick and Mr. Pikel. NSC was an interested person in this docket; accordingly, Mr. Gaines, as the successor of interest to any claims of NSC in this docket, is an interested person.² Mr. Gaines has been removed from the service list for this docket on behalf of NPCC, and reidentified as an interested person.

Under OAR 860-001-0300(7), an interested person is not a party and is not entitled to be a signatory to a protective order, among other rights granted to parties. Mr. Gaines is not, therefore, permitted to operate under a protective order in this docket. Under OAR 860-001-0300(2), Mr. Gaines may file a petition to intervene in these proceedings.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2023.



Traci Kirkpatrick
Administrative Law Judge

¹ ORS 756.525 addresses parties to proceedings.

² ORS 756.572 addresses the effect of orders on successors in interest.