

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1217

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

On September 16, 2005, Michael Grant, Chief Administrative Law Judge, held a prehearing conference in the matter in Salem, Oregon. The following appearances were entered: Brooks Harlow, on behalf of RCC Minnesota, Inc; Sheila Harris, on behalf of Qwest Corporation; Tre Hendricks and David Paulson, on behalf of Sprint; Richard Finnigan, on behalf of the Oregon Telecommunications Association; Jeffrey Smith, on behalf of GVNW Consulting; Charles Best, on behalf of Frontier; Stacey Klinzman, on behalf of VCI Company; Timothy O’Connell and Schelly Jensen, on behalf of Verizon; Mark Trincherro, on behalf of US Cellular and Edge Wireless; Kevin Keillor, on behalf of Edge Wireless; Marty Patrovsky, on behalf of Wantel; and Michael Weirich, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of Staff.

**Schedule**

At the conference, the parties agreed to the following schedule<sup>1</sup>:

Event	Date
Last day to Intervene	September 23, 2005
Parties File Proposed Issues List	October 14, 2005
Ruling Adopting Issues List (estimate)	October 21, 2005
Simultaneous Opening Testimony	December 13, 2005
Settlement Conference (to be scheduled and conducted by Staff)	January 10, 2006
Simultaneous Reply Testimony	February 8, 2006
Hearing	March 9-10, 2006
Briefing/ Oral Argument (if requested by Commissioners)	TBD
Commission Order (goal)	May 1, 2005

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<sup>1</sup> Dates are subject to the availability of Qwest’s witnesses.

## **Intervention**

Prior to the conference, the Citizens' Utility Board filed a notice of intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180. At the conference, I granted oral petitions to intervene from the following parties: RCC Minnesota, Qwest Corporation, Sprint; Oregon Telecommunications Association; Frontier, VCI Company, Verizon, US Cellular, Edge Wireless, and Wantel. Accordingly, all have full party status in the docket.

Finally, I refer the parties to the Commission's procedural notes for contested case proceedings, located on the Commission's website ([www.puc.state.or.us](http://www.puc.state.or.us)). Please look under Administrative Hearings, and then click on Guidelines for Complex Contested Case Proceedings.

Dated in Salem, Oregon, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

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Michael Grant  
Chief Administrative Law Judge