

ISSUED: June 19, 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.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
REPORT AND RULING

**DISPOSITION: PETITIONS TO INTERVENE AND MOTION TO
ADMIT COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE* GRANTED;
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE ADOPTED**

On May 29, 2009, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) and Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) filed a Joint Application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the alternative, to Approve the Indirect Transfer of Control of Verizon Northwest Inc. (Application).

On June 8, 2008, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed a Notice of Intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180. Shortly thereafter, Petitions to Intervene in the proceeding were filed by tw telecom of oregon llc (tw); XO Communications Services, Inc. (XO); Integra Telecom of Oregon, Inc. (Integra); International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 89 (IBEW); Covad Communications Company (Covad); and Comcast Phone of Oregon, LLC (Comcast). Accompanying the Comcast petition was a motion to admit Gregory J. Kopta as counsel *pro hac vice*.

On June 18, 2009, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. Appearances were file by Verizon, Frontier, CUB, tw, XO, Integra, IBEW, Comcast, the Department of Defense of the United States of America and all other Federal Executive Agencies (DoD), the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), the Oregon Telecommunications Association (OTA), Embarq Corporation (Embarq), the Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association (OCTA), and the Commission staff (Staff).

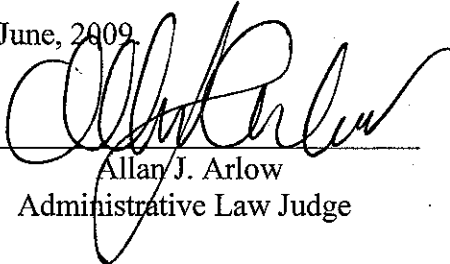
The party status of CUB was noted for the record. The Petitions to Intervene filed on behalf of tw, XO, Integra, Covad, and Comcast were granted without objection and the petitioners were made parties to the proceeding. The motion to admit Gregory J. Kopta as counsel *pro hac vice* was granted. Frontier noted its objection to the intervention petition of IBEW. Frontier and Verizon also requested the opportunity to file comments in support of their request that the Commission decline to assert jurisdiction over the proposed transfer.

The following schedule was mutually agreed upon by the participants and adopted by the Administrative Law Judge:

Oppositions to IBEW Petition to Intervene Due	June 23, 2009
Motion for the Commission to Decline Jurisdiction Due	June 23, 2009
IBEW Reply to Oppositions Due	June 26, 2009
Final date to file petitions to intervene	July 2, 2009
Verizon and Frontier Direct Testimony Due	July 6, 2009
Responses to Motion for the Commission to Decline Jurisdiction Due	July 8, 2009
Start date for responses to expedited discovery requests	August 17, 2009
Staff and Intervenor Testimony Due	September 3, 2009
Verizon and Frontier Reply Testimony Due	September 17, 2009
Hearing	October 5 and 6, 2009

The parties agreed and it has been adopted that all filings will be shared electronically among the parties, except confidential material pursuant to the current Protective Order, which will be sent by hard copy. The parties further agreed that a Joint Motion would be submitted establishing procedures for the treatment of especially sensitive and highly confidential information.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 19th day of June, 2009.



 Allan J. Arlow
 Administrative Law Judge