

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1643

In the Matter of

CENTURYTEL OF OREGON, INC.,
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS, and
OREGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION, et al.,

Request for Waiver of OAR 860-024-0012
3(c)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: DOCKET CLOSED

I. BACKGROUND

On January 9, 2013, Petitioners¹ filed a petition for waiver of OAR 860-024-0012(3) (c) (relating to pole attachment rules). At our January 29, 2013 Public Meeting, we opened this investigation to address the waiver request. At that meeting, we also asked that a workshop be scheduled to address the pole attachment rules generally.

At a May 31, 2013 prehearing conference the parties proposed a schedule that included three rounds of testimony and an evidentiary hearing. They also indicated they did not want to hold a Commission workshop to generally address the rules until after the investigation of the waiver request was completed.

Following the May 31 prehearing conference, the Chief Administrative Law Judge issued a ruling suspending this docket. In the ruling he indicated that the Commissioners have decided that no action should be taken on the waiver request until they have a better understanding of how the pole attachment rules have been implemented and used by affected persons. Accordingly, a Commission workshop would be scheduled this summer to provide the parties the opportunity to provide a status report on the pole attachment rules.

¹ CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.; CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc.; United Telephone Company of the Northwest; Qwest Corporation; Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc.; Citizens Telecommunications of Oregon; Oregon Telecommunications Association; and the Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association.

II. MOTION TO CLOSE DOCKET

On June 14, 2013, Petitioners filed notice of their withdrawal of their petition and a motion to close this docket. As ground for their motion Petitioners cited the suspension of the docket and the impending workshop. They state that closing the docket will facilitate more fruitful discussions during the workshop. In addition, the workshop may be helpful in determining whether the relief sought in the petition is needed.

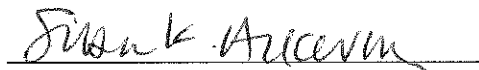
III. DISPOSITION

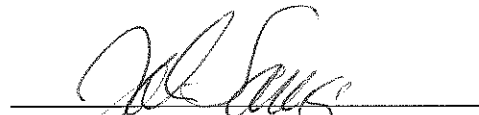
Petitioners having elected to withdraw their petition, there is no basis for the Commission to proceed further with this docket. Petitioners have stated sufficient grounds for this docket to be closed. If, as a result of the workshop, further proceedings are required, an appropriate procedural vehicle will be determined.

IV. ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the petition is withdrawn and docket UM 1643 is closed.

Made, entered, and effective JUN 26 2013.


Susan K. Ackerman
Chair


John Savage
Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

