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Marlene Dortch, Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission ("FCC")
445 12th Street SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket No. 11-42; WC Docket No. 03-109; WC Docket No. 12-23.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("OPUC") submits this status report as required by the *Waiver Order* (DA 12-863) adopted and released on May 31, 2012. In the *Waiver Order*, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the OPUC and the Oregon Telecommunications Association's temporary waiver petition[1] of the uniform eligibility requirements adopted in the *Lifeline Reform Order*[2] and set forth in section 54.409(a) and (b) of the FCC's rules until April 1, 2013.

To meet the conformance requirements, the OPUC initiated action to amend Oregon statute. The following is a timeline of the events that have transpired since the 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly 2013 Regular Session commenced on January 14, 2013.

- The OPUC-sponsored bill[3] was introduced and a first reading by the Senate President was held on January 14, 2013.
- The bill was referred to the Senate Business and Transportation Committee on January 18, 2013.
- A public hearing and work session was held on February 4, 2013 with a "do pass" recommendation on February 5, 2013.
- A second reading was held on February 5, 2013.
- A third reading was held on February 7, 2013 and was carried by Senator Lee Beyer and passed out of the Senate with 28 ayes and 2 excused.
- A first reading was held on February 11, 2013 and referred to the House of Representatives Speaker's desk.

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[1] *See* Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., Public Utility Commission of Oregon and Oregon Telecommunications Association, Petition for Waiver, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45 (filed Apr. 19, 2012).
[2] Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42 et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45, FCC 12-11 (rel. Feb 6, 2012) (*Lifeline Reform Order*).
[3] *See* http://www.leg.state.or.us/13reg/measpdf/sb0200.dir/sb0203.intro.pdf.

- A first reading was held on February 11, 2013 and referred to the House of Representatives Speaker's desk.
- The bill was referred to the House of Representatives Human Services and Housing Committee on February 18, 2013.

Staff of the OPUC is waiting for the public hearing and work session to be scheduled with the House of Representatives Human Services and Housing Committee. While Staff of the OPUC is confident that the Oregon Legislature will pass the bill, there is concern about whether this can be accomplished before the current April 1, 2013 limited waiver deadline expires. Therefore, Staff of the OPUC respectfully requests guidance from the FCC as to whether the OPUC should file a petition for a waiver extension for an additional two months or until July 1, 2013 when the 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly 2013 Regular Session is slated to adjourn.

Pursuant to § 1.1206(b) of the FCC's rules, this letter is being filed electronically. Please contact the undersigned with questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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