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Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
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NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Re: ***Ex Parte* Filing, CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket No. 11-42; WC Docket No. 03-109; WC Docket No. 12-23**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 13, 2013, Jon Cray, Staff of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC), participated in a teleconference with Jonathan Lechter of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the OPUC and Oregon Telecommunications Association's petition[1] to extend the current temporary waiver until July 1, 2013, to adopt the uniform Lifeline eligibility criteria in Oregon as required by section 54.409 of the FCC's rules.

I clarified that once the Oregon Legislature enacts the OPUC-sponsored bill into law, the OPUC will have the authority to define the eligibility criteria in Oregon Administrative Rule. After the bill becomes law, the OPUC must initiate a rulemaking to adopt rules to implement the law. The July 1, 2013 date will allow the OPUC sufficient time to accomplish this and to implement any corresponding administrative processes.

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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[1] Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al., Public Utility Commission of Oregon and Oregon Telecommunications Association, Petition for Extension of Waiver, WC Dkt. Nos. 11-42, et al., CC Dkt. No. 96-45 (filed Mar. 12, 2013).