

Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP)

Application for Eligible Telecommunications Provider (ETP) to Provide OTAP Services

Part I. Application Information and Service Plan

1. Legal name of applicant: Wantel, Inc.

2. Name or names that applicant is doing business as: ComspanUSA

3. Contact information pertaining to your designated staff who would be handling OTAP communication:

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4. Are you authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Oregon?

Yes Oregon PUC Telecommunications Service Provider ID No. 7439

No **STOP.** You must apply for and obtain Oregon PUC approval to offer telecommunications services in the State of Oregon before you can participate in the OTAP Program.

5. Are you currently designated as a federal Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in the service areas where you intend to participate in OTAP?

Yes Docket No. UM 1202 Order No. 05-856

No **STOP.** OTAP is an adjunct to the federal universal service fund Lifeline and Linkup programs. You must apply for and obtain designation as a federal Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in those service areas where you intend to participate in OTAP.

6. List the specific Oregon exchanges where you seek to participate in OTAP. If your current federal ETC service area is not coextensive with specific Oregon exchanges, please list the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) wire centers where you are authorized as a federal ETC and intend to participate in OTAP. If additional space is required, please use a separate sheet of paper.

<u>Exchange or Wire Center</u>	<u>Incumbent ILEC</u>
Roseburg	Qwest
Sutherlin	Qwest
Winston	Qwest

7. OAR 860-033-0005 states that an ETP must offer services under 47 CFR §54.101 using either its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications provider throughout the service area). Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.201(f), the requirement of using their "own facilities" includes, but is not limited to, purchasing unbundled network elements from another carrier. Please provide the following for the service area in which the applicant seeks to participate in OTAP.

- a. A general description of the telecommunications facilities owned and operated by the applicant (for example, switches, outside plant assets, fiber optic transmission equipment, ILEC collocations, etc.);

Wantel has a NORTEL DMS-500 switch, which acts as both a line-side and a tandem switch. Wantel will be adding a new soft switch this year. Outside plant assets include approximately ten (10) miles of 24-strand fiber, some aerial and some in underground vaults and conduits. There are four (4) Field Connection Points in Douglas County, Oregon. Copper plant includes approximately five (5) miles of 300, 200, 100, 50 and 25 pair cable. Copper plant also includes several hundred 4 pair drops to individual end-users. Other outside plant assets include add/drop multiplexers, Addtran 600 series (624, 612, 608, 604) CPE boxes. Wantel also has fiber optic transmission equipment. That equipment includes OC3 and OC 12 optical transceivers, patch panels, and analyzers. ILEC collocations include twelve (12) collocation racks in the Qwest Roseburg Central Office (RSBGOR57HG1) with over 5000 DS0s, 84 DS1s and 6DS3s. Wantel has interconnection agreements with Qwest and Verizon.

- b. A list of the ILECs from whom the applicant purchases unbundled network elements;

For the Roseburg, Sutherland and Winston service areas, Wantel purchases unbundled network elements from Qwest.

- c. A list of the ILECs or other ETCs the applicant uses to provide resale service;
Qwest

- d. A list of interconnection agreements the applicant maintains with Oregon ILECs and the effective date of such agreements;
For the Roseburg, Sutherland and Winston service areas, Wantel maintains an interconnection agreement with Qwest which has been effective since December 2, 1999.
 - e. A list of interexchange carriers the applicant will use to provide interstate and intrastate toll services for its OTAP customers.
Wantel, Qwest, Global Crossing and any other IXC the customer chooses.
8. The number of residential, business and tribal basic service customers served by the applicant as of December 31, of the most recent calendar year. Specify whether these customers are served by wireline service or wireless instruments.
As of December 31, 2004, Wantel served 4,307 customers by wireline service in the Roseburg, Sutherland and Winston wirecenter areas.

Part II. Conditions to Provide OTAP Services to Qualifying Oregonians

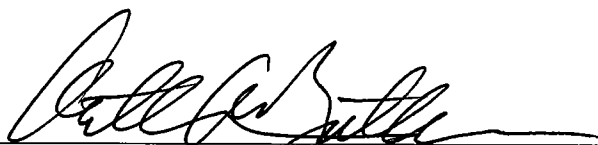
These conditions apply in addition to the general conditions of certification. Violating these conditions, or misrepresenting information provided to PUC in the course of administering the OTAP programs may result in cancellation of your Telecommunications Provider's Certificate, your authority to provide OTAP Services and/or an order requiring you to refund with interest and penalties of any OTAP support distributed under false information.

1. The applicant agrees to offer reduced residential rates to eligible low-income customers pursuant to the Oregon Telephone Assistance program (OTAP). See OAR 860-033-0001 through 0046.
2. The applicant understands that only PUC may approve OTAP benefits for the consumer and provide benefits to OTAP consumers after PUC has notified the applicant of their eligibility. A telecommunication provider who grants OTAP benefits to ineligible customers will have the total amount of the OTAP benefits that were given to those customers deducted from the monthly or quarterly OTAP reimbursement invoices that the telecommunications provider submits to the Commission (OAR 860-033-0045 (1) (d)).
3. The applicant agrees that they will ensure the consumer will see their OTAP credit within 30 days from the date that the applicant has been notified of the consumer's eligibility status, and to remove consumers within 30 days after they no longer qualify for OTAP benefits.
4. The applicant agrees that if an OTAP consumer did not receive his or her benefits from the applicant after being approved by the Commission, that the applicant will reimburse the consumer up to a maximum of one year of OTAP benefits credited to their telephone line (OAR 860-033-0030 (7)).
5. The applicant agrees that they will submit reports for reimbursement quarterly (if they have less than 1,000 OTAP consumers) or monthly (if they have more than 1,000 OTAP consumers). Reports are expected to be submitted even if there are zero consumers (OAR 860-033-0045 (1)).
6. The applicant agrees that upon request, a qualifying OTAP recipient shall be entitled to toll limitation service from an eligible telecommunications carrier, when available, at no additional charge. Further, the applicant agrees not to deny or disconnect basic service to an OTAP customer for failure to pay toll charges, or require a deposit from OTAP consumers who voluntarily elect to receive toll-blocking services. (OAR 360-021-0200 (5), and 360-021-0335 (4) (b)).
7. An OTAP recipient is required to be the named subscriber to the local telecommunication service in order for that household to qualify for OTAP benefits. PUC may waive this requirement if it determines that good cause exists. Applicant agrees to comply with reimbursing OTAP consumers who are not named subscribers at the Commission's request.

8. The applicant agrees to ensure that confidential information (including phone number, addresses, contact information and social security numbers) of OTAP recipients is protected (OAR 360-033-0030 (5)). The applicant agrees to maintain a written policy to ensure that the applicant's staff does not breach the confidentiality of OTAP consumers, and to do background checks on employees who have access to customer records.
9. The applicant agrees to have in place database encryption and firewall technologies to protect customer service information stored electronically.

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APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS AND AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL APPLICABLE COMMISSION RULES, STATE LAW AND THE CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION. PLEASE INITIAL BOX AT LEFT.



Signature of Person Authorized to Represent Applicant

Attorney for Wantel, Inc.

Title

Arthur A. Butler

Printed Name

July 18, 2005

Date