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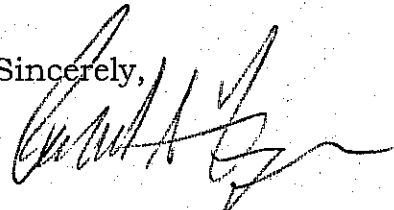
Re: Application of Helix Telephone Company Pursuant to ORS 759.535

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed you will find the original and three copies of the above-referenced Application. Pursuant to the Commission's rules, an electronic copy has been filed as well.

If you have any questions concerning this Application, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosures

cc: Jim Smith (via e-mail, w/encl.)

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON**

**DOCKET UA \_\_**

In the Matter of the Application of Helix  
Telephone Company for the Allocation of  
Certain Territory

**APPLICATION OF HELIX  
TELEPHONE COMPANY PURSUANT  
TO ORS 759.535**

COMES NOW, Helix Telephone Company (“Helix”) and hereby applies for an order concerning the Meacham exchange which allocates certain territory (the “Territory”) to Helix that was unserved territory at the time Helix began to provide service in the area.

This Application is filed pursuant to ORS 759.535 and OAR 860-025-0025. Helix also requests that the Commission recognize the Territory as part of the existing Meacham exchange, as described herein.

In support thereof, and pursuant to the requirements of OAR 860-025-0025,<sup>1</sup> Helix states and submits the following information:

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<sup>1</sup> It appears that some of the requirements of OAR 860-025-0025 are no longer applicable as a result of changes created by Laws of 2005, Chapter 232. An example is the metes and bounds legal descriptions referenced in OAR 860-025-0025(1) and (2) by their cross-reference to OAR 860-025-0020. Helix respectfully requests waiver of such requirements.

**Statement of Purposes for the Allocation**

The Territory lies immediately south of the existing boundary of the Meacham exchange. A map showing how the Meacham exchange would look with the allocation of the Territory is attached as Exhibit 1. The Territory is that portion of Exhibit 1 that is below the south section line of Sections 9, 10 and 11 of R 35 E, T 1 S, Willamette Meridian. For the most part, the Territory lies within Umatilla County. A small portion in the southeast corner of the Territory lies in Union County.

Helix extended service into this area at the request of customers who were not served by any telecommunications service provider.

**OAR 860-025-0025 Requirements**

In this section, Helix will set out the manner in which this Application complies with the requirements of OAR 860-025-0025.

OAR 860-025-0025(1): Except for OAR 860-025-0020(4), the requirements of this subsection are met by the filing of Exhibit 1, if the waiver as requested in footnote 1 of this Application is granted as to the provision of a metes and bounds description and other descriptive factors. As to the incorporation of OAR 860-025-0020(4) into OAR 860-025-0025, Helix states that it is in fact providing exclusive wireline telecommunications service within the area described as encompassing the Territory. No other person is providing a similar utility service within that Territory.

OAR 860-025-0025(2): This requirement is satisfied by Exhibit 1.

OAR 860-025-0025(3): There are no persons providing similar utility service in proximity of the unserved area who have an interest in or would be affected by approval or disapproval of the Application.

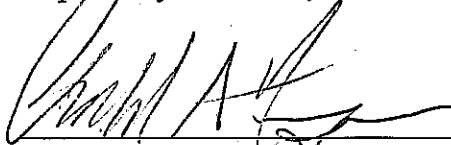
OAR 860-025-0025(4): Since Helix is already serving the area and there are no other telecommunications companies that are in proximity that could extend service to the area, the requirements of this subsection have been met. In addition, Exhibit 1 helps satisfy the requirements of this subsection. Further, there are two customers, including the Oregon Department of Transportation, that are currently being served in the area. Helix has facilities to provide service to any new customers that request service in the area within a reasonable period of time.

OAR 860-025-0025(5): Helix extended service into the Territory in response to a request for service from the customers in the Territory. Those customers were previously totally unserved with any telecommunications service and are now receiving high quality telecommunications service from Helix. The customers are receiving service at the same rates as other customers in the Meacham exchange.

WHEREFORE, Helix requests the Commission issue an order allocating the Territory as described herein to Helix and approving the exchange map set out on Exhibit 1 as the allocated Territory comprising the Meacham exchange served by Helix.

DATED: April 3, 2008

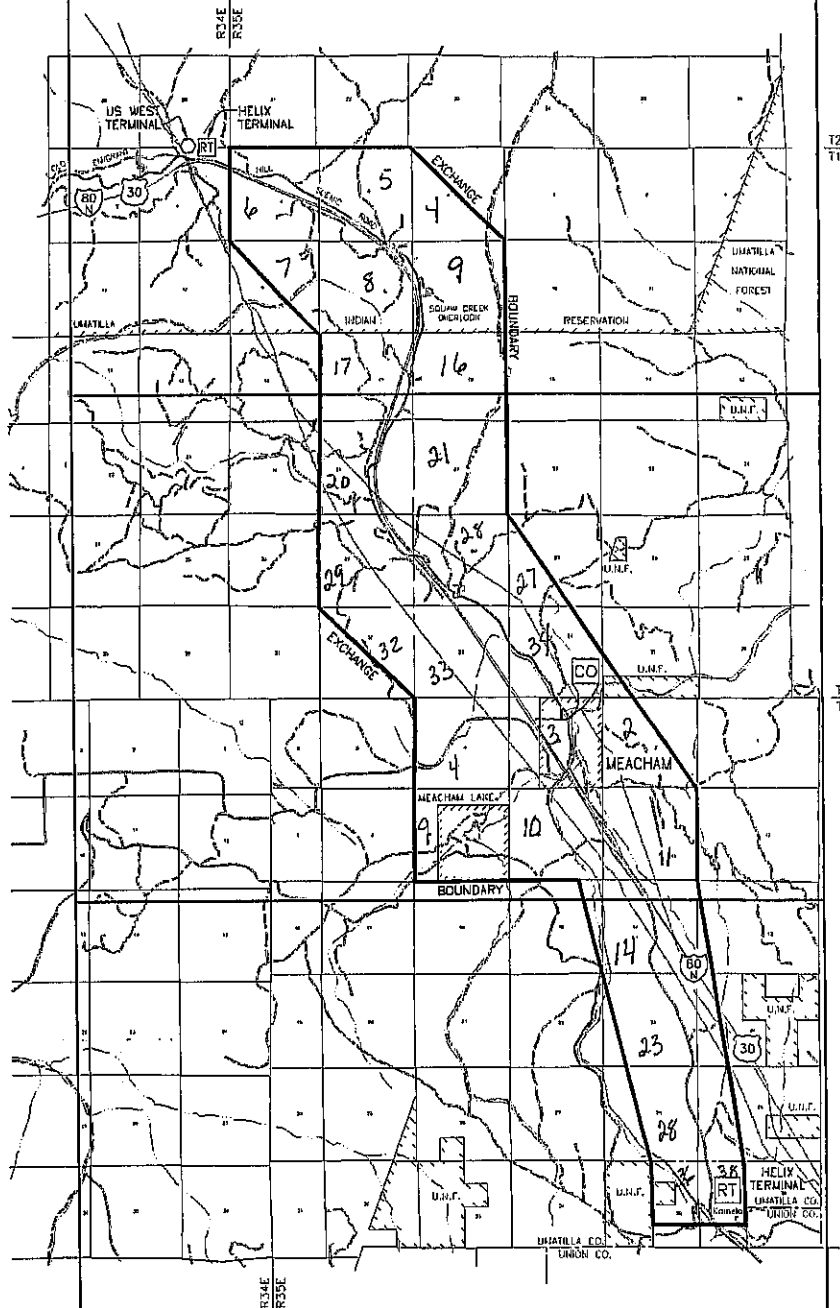
Respectfully submitted,



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# **EXHIBIT 1**

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SYMBOLS	
	CABLE ROUTE
	PAVED ROAD
	IMPROVED ROAD
	UNIMPROVED ROAD
	SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
	CENTRAL OFFICE
	REMOTE TERMINAL
	HANDHOLE
	NO SERVICE
	SERVED CUSTOMER

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