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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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| In the Matter of |) | ORDER |
| OREGON TELECOM, INC. and UNITED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. dba UNICOM, |))) | |
| Petition To Initiate an Expedited Investigation Regarding Access to Unbundled Local Switching to Serve Enterprise Market Customers. |)))) | |

DISPOSITION: PETITION GRANTED; INVESTIGATION DOCKET OPENED

On September 11, 2003, Oregon Telecom, Inc. and United Communications, Inc. (doing business as Unicom) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) requesting that the Commission immediately open a docket to investigate whether competitors serving enterprise customers in certain markets in Oregon are impaired without access to unbundled local switching. The petition also requested that the Commission petition the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a waiver pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §51.319(d)(3)(i).

At its September 23, 2003 public meeting, the Commission adopted staff's recommendations. The Staff Report is attached as Appendix A to this order and incorporated by reference.

¹ An error needing correction in Staff's September 17, 2003 Report was addressed during the public meeting, as follows:

On page 2, within the third paragraph, the date reference within the statement regarding "... a state commission must complete an investigation and file a petition for waiver of the national finding by January 2, 2004;" that date reference was noted as being changed to <u>December 31, 2003</u>.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT the petition to open an investigation by Oregon Telecom, Inc. and United Communications, Inc. dba Unicom is granted, specific staff will be designated as technical advisors to the Administrative Law Judge and the Commission, and staff will not participate as a party in this case.

| Made, entered, and effective | |
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| Lee Beyer | John Savage |
| Chairman | Commissioner |
| | Ray Baum |
| | Commissioner |

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.