

ORDER NO. 15 084

ENTERED MAR 17 2015

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers
of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED

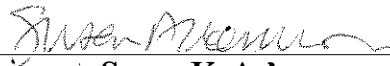
Under ORS 756.055, we may delegate certain Commission duties and powers to employees of the agency. The Commission's current list of delegated authority to sign orders is set forth in Order No. 12-297.

We modify those delegations by making four changes. First, we clarify the authority of the Director of the Utility Program to issue orders relating to Certificates of Authority for Telecommunications Competitive Providers. Second, we delegate authority to the Director of the Utility Program to approve proposed Budget of Expenditures filed under ORS 757.105. Third, we consolidate authority with the Commission Executive Secretary to sign orders relating to requests by telecommunications carriers addressing numbering resource requirements. Finally, we delegate to the Chief Administrative Law Judge the authority to sign certain orders related to Intervenor Funding.

We deem it appropriate that the authority to sign orders specified in Appendices A, B, C, and D to this order be delegated.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Made, entered and effective MAR 17 2015.



Susan K. Ackerman
Chair





John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.

APPENDIX A**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO
ADMINISTRATOR
CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION**

1. The Administrator of the Central Services Division is delegated the authority to take action and issue orders on behalf of the Commission relating to the matters:
 - a. Nonpayment of invoices by Telecommunication Devices Access Program recipients being held financially responsible under OAR 860-033-0536 and 860-033-0537;
 - b. Eligibility of a person for Oregon Telephone Assistance Program benefits under OAR 860-033-0030;
 - c. Uncontested assessments for nonpayment of the Residential Service Protection Fund surcharge revenue;
 - d. Assessments for nonpayment of Oregon Universal Service Fees under ORS 759.425; and
 - e. Assessments for nonpayment of gross revenue fees under ORS 756.310 and 756.320.
2. The Administrator of the Central Services Division may delegate the authority granted in this order to any designee, subject to review by the Commission.
3. The authority to take action and issue orders on behalf of the Commission does not include authority to issue orders after hearing on an issue of fact or law.

APPENDIX B
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO
DIRECTOR
UTILITY PROGRAM

1. The Director of the Utility Program is delegated the authority to take action and issue orders on behalf of the Commission relating to the following matters:
 - a. Settlement of Oregon Utility Notification Center complaints pursuant to ORS 757.993;
 - b. Uncontested designation of exclusive service territories of investor-owned water utilities or joint water/wastewater utilities pursuant to ORS 757.061 and 757.063;
 - c. Uncontested cases related to Certificates of Authority for Telecommunications Competitive Providers, including uncontested applications to transfer a certificate;
 - d. Uncontested cases to certify Electricity Service Suppliers or register Electricity Service Aggregators;
 - e. Uncontested assertion of jurisdiction over a water utility pursuant to ORS 757.061(6) or an association pursuant to 757.063(1); and
 - f. Approval of proposed Budget of Expenditures filed under ORS 757.105.
2. The Director of the Utility Program may delegate the authority granted in this order to any designee, subject to review by the Commission.
3. The authority to take action and issue orders on behalf of the Commission does not include authority to issue orders after hearing on an issue of fact or law.

APPENDIX C**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO
COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

1. The Commission Executive Secretary is delegated the authority to sign orders on behalf of the Commission following a unanimous decision in a public meeting relating to the following matters:
 - a. Suspension of Tariffs;
 - b. Competitive Provider Cancellations;
 - c. Interest Rate on Deposits/Late Payment Fees;
 - d. Service Quality Measure Reports;
 - e. Natural Gas Company Earnings Reviews;
 - f. Portfolio Options Committee Recommendations;
 - g. Sale of Property;
 - h. Affiliated Interest;
 - i. Finance;
 - j. Deferred Accounting;
 - k. Amortization of Deferred Costs;
 - l. LSN (Less than Statutory Notice);
 - m. Sale of Securities.
 - n. Numbering conservation/Rate Center Numbering;
 - o. Annual revenue fee levels.
 - p. Negotiated interconnection agreements between telecommunications service providers under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and
 - q. Waiver of Commission rules.
2. The Commission Executive Secretary may delegate authority granted in this order to any designee, subject to review by the Commission.

APPENDIX D**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

1. The Chief Administrative Law Judge is delegated the authority to:
 - a. Modify time lines specified in a Commission order;
 - b. Stipulate with a utility under ORS 757.215(2) or a telecommunications utility under ORS 759.185(2) to extend a period of suspension;
 - c. Issue orders closing a docket where, prior to an evidentiary hearing:
 - i. The parties to a complaint proceeding reach a settlement and request the docket be closed; and
 - ii. The applicant, complainant or petitioner voluntarily withdraws the pleading that initiated the docket; and
 - d. Sign uncontested orders relating to Intervenor Funding Agreements that:
 - i. Approve or modify proposed budgets; and
 - ii. Authorize payments.
2. The Chief Administrative Law Judge may subsequently delegate authority to sign orders on behalf of the Commission relating to the above items to any designee, subject to review by the Commission.
3. The authority to take action and issue orders on behalf of the Commission does not include authority to issue orders after hearing on an issue of fact or law.