

ORDER NO.00-478

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 953

In the Matter of the Petition from Oregon)
Exchange Carrier Association Requesting an)
Order to Implement Rate Center Consolidation.) ORDER

DISPOSITION: PETITION GRANTED;
QWEST CORPORATION AND VERIZON NORTHWEST DIRECTED TO
IMPLEMENT RATE CENTER CONSOLIDATIONS;
REQUIREMENT REGARDING NXX CODES CHANGED

On June 28, 2000, the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association (OECA) filed a petition requesting that the Commission issue an order directing Qwest Corporation and Verizon Northwest Incorporated to implement specific rate center consolidations.

At its Public Meeting on August 8, 2000, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to grant OECA's petition. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

The Commission also considered and granted a request by Staff, contained in Appendix A, that it change its current requirement that, as a condition of their certificates of authority, CLECs obtain a NXX code for each exchange where they provide local exchange switched service. Continuing this requirement would make rate center consolidation ineffective. Current and future CLECs should be able to obtain a NXX code for each exchange or rate center, whichever is larger.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT OECA's petition is granted. It is further ordered that Qwest Corporation and Verizon Northwest are directed to implement the rate center consolidations listed in the petition and described in Appendix A. It is further ordered that current and future CLECs may obtain a NXX code for each exchange or rate center, whichever is larger.

Made, entered and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

Vikie Bailey-Goggins
Commission Secretary

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.