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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
INTEGRA TELECOM)	
)	
Exception of Order No. 99-286 to open a new)	
prefix, 562, within the 503 area code to)	
accommodate Salem Hospital's need for 8000)	
additional numbers.)	

DISPOSITION: EXCEPTION GRANTED

Salem, Hospital (the Hospital), a community hospital, is expanding into a new facility which will open two floors in June 2003. The Hospital has need of 8000 additional numbers (503-562-1000 through 503-562-8999). The Hospital has asked Integra Telecom of Oregon, Inc. (Integra) to provide a new prefix in the 503 area code to accommodate these additional numbers.

Integra applied to NeuStar, the national numbering administrator for a block of 8000 numbers within Area Code 503. NeuStar replied that they were unable to grant that request, because the Public Utility Commission Order No. 99-286 required that all new prefix requests in the 503 area code be granted out of the new 971 area code. Only 14 coastal communities would be allowed to obtain numbers in the 503 area code in order to conserve numbers. Since the issuance of Order No. 99-286, there have been considerable changes which greatly enhance telephone number conservation efforts and made many more numbers available in the 503 area code. Staff's recommendation to grant exception to Order No., 99-286 is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

At its Public Meeting on May 7, 2003, the Commission adopted Staff's Recommendations and approved Integra's current request. This written order memorializes the Commission's formal decision made at the May 7 Public Meeting.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 99-286 shall be amended to authorize the provision of 8000 numbers in the 503 area code to Integra Telecom for the use of Salem Hospital.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
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.

ITEM NO. 5

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 7, 2003**

REGULAR x **CONSENT** _____ **EFFECTIVE DATE** May 8, 2003

DATE: April 17, 2003

TO: John Savage through Phil Nyegaard and Lance Ball

FROM: Wolodymyr Birko

SUBJECT: SALEM HOSPITAL NUMBERING EXPANSION: Grants exception to Order No. 99-286, assignment of 503 codes to coastal areas only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that INTEGRA TELECOM OF OREGON , INC. (Integra) be granted an exception to Order No. 99-286 to open a new prefix ,562, within the 503 area code to accommodate Salem Hospital's need for 8000 additional numbers. Those numbers are 503-562-1000 through 503-562-8999.

DISCUSSION:

Salem Hospital, a community hospital that is expanding into a new facility, which will open 2 floors in June of 2003, has requested Integra to provide a new prefix in the 503 area code to accommodate a need for 8000 additional telephone numbers. The new prefix is 562. The hospital's original prefix is 561.

Integra applied to NEUSTAR, the national numbering administrator for a block of 8000 numbers within Area Code 503-562. NEUSTAR replied that they were not able to grant that request because OPUC Order No. 99-286 required that all new prefix requests in the 503 area code be granted out of the new 971 area code. Only 14 coastal communities would be allowed to obtain numbers in the 503 area code in order to conserve numbers.

Since the issuance of Order No. 99-286 there have been considerable changes which greatly enhance telephone number conservation efforts and make many more numbers available in the 503 area code. There have been five rate center consolidations in the 503 area code and thousand block number pooling (TBNP) has been instituted throughout Oregon. Of the two efforts, TBNP has been the most significant from a number conservation standpoint.

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An exception to Order No. 99-286, granting Salem Hospital's and Integra's request for 8000 additional numbers in the 503 Area code will not result in a significant reduction in the availability of numbers in the 503 area code.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

That Order No. 99-286 be amended by a new order establishing 8000 numbers in the 503 area code for Integra Telecom for the use of Salem Hospital and that a copy of the new order along with a cover letter of explanation be sent to:

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