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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)	
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PACIFICORP and COOS-CURRY)	ORDER
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.)	
)	
Joint Application for Approval of Allocation)	
of Service Territory.)	

DISPOSITION: JOINT APPLICATION APPROVED

On November 18, 2004, PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light (PacifiCorp), and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Coos-Curry) filed a Joint Application (Application) pursuant to ORS 758.410-425 and OAR 860-025-0010, for approval of their Service Territory Allocation Agreement (Agreement) dated October 14, 2004. The Application relates to a parcel referred to as the "Allocated Service Territory" being transferred to Coos-Curry. The Allocated Service Territory is approximately 230 acres and contains three residential customers currently served by Coos-Curry, and certain related facilities owned and operated by Coos-Curry. A description of the service territories for which this application seeks transfer is attached as Appendix A to this order.

On November 29, 2004, the Commission published notice of the application pursuant to ORS 758.420. No requests for hearing were received. The Staff concludes that the proposed allocation of service territory is acceptable and is not contrary to the public interest.

ORS 758.415 provides that the Commission shall approve a contract for the allocation of service territory if it finds that the contract will “eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplicating facilities, and will promote the efficient and economic use and development and the safety of operation of the utility systems of the parties to the contract, while providing adequate and reasonable service to all territories and customers affected thereby.”

The Agreement memorializes a minor service territory allocation intended to conform the service territory boundaries to the location of the existing customers and facilities. Absent this change, PacifiCorp would potentially be required to construct additional facilities to serve the area being transferred to Coos-Curry. The exchange will help avoid the unnecessary duplication of facilities.

The Agreement also promotes efficient, economic, and safe development and operation by allowing Coos-Curry to continue servicing existing customers from existing facilities already integrated into its electric system. Absent the exchange, PacifiCorp would be required to construct new facilities to serve existing and contemplated future development in the Allocated Service Territory. Such changes would potentially involve unnecessary expense, customer inconvenience, and relocation or construction of facilities, all of which are avoided by the service territory allocation in the Agreement.

Finally, the Agreement will help ensure adequate and reasonable service to existing customers and to any future development occurring in the areas exchanged.

The Application satisfies the requirements set forth in ORS 758.415 and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the joint application filed by PacifiCorp, dba Pacific Power & Light and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., is approved. The transfer of service territories, as described in Appendix A, is effective immediately.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Lee Beyer
Chairman

John Savage
Commissioner

Ray Baum
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.