

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
PINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM INC.)	
)	
Petition for Temporary Suspension of)	
Wireline to Wireless Number Portability)	
Obligations)	

DISPOSITION: PETITION GRANTED

On December 20, 2004, Pine Telephone System Inc. (Pine Telephone) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) to extend a temporary suspension of wireline to wireless number portability obligations in its Halfway exchange. Pine Telephone requests to extend the temporary suspension from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005.

Background. Number portability is an obligation placed on all local exchange carriers and all wireless carriers by the Federal Communications Commission. Number portability allows customers to keep their telephone numbers when they change service from one carrier to another. On March 31, 2004, T-Mobile, a cellular carrier, requested Pine Telephone to implement wireline to wireless number portability in the Granite exchange. On April 5, 2004, Rural Cellular Corporation made a similar request for the Granite and Halfway exchanges. On April 14, 2004, Pine Telephone filed a petition with the Commission to temporarily suspend wireline to wireless number portability obligations in its Granite exchange until March 1, 2005. Pine Telephone amended that petition to request a temporary suspension of number porting obligations for its Halfway exchange. The Commission granted the petition in Order No. 04-302. Subsequently, Pine Telephone filed petitions to extend the temporary suspension for both its Halfway and Granite exchanges. The extension for the Halfway exchange was to January 1, 2005, and the extension for the Granite exchange was to June 1, 2005. The Commission granted the petitions in Order No. 04-519.

The Petitions. In its August 5, 2004, petition for the Halfway exchange, Pine Telephone alleged that it had been working diligently with its vendors to implement wireline to wireless number portability in the Halfway exchange. It noted that the vendors are working with small telephone companies across the nation to implement number portability, but because of limited resources the vendors would not be able to meet the August 22, 2004 deadline set for Pine Telephone. In its August 10, 2004, petition for the Granite exchange, Pine Telephone repeated the same facts, except it stated, "It is becoming more and more likely that the vendors will not make the March 1, 2005, date set for Pine Telephone."

In its latest petition of December 20, 2004, Pine Telephone states that despite substantial efforts on behalf of Pine Telephone, its vendors will not be able to complete its work in the Halfway exchange by January 1, 2005. Pine Telephone adds that it does not appear that there is a substantial demand for wireline to wireless portability in the Halfway exchange. Pine Telephone further states that it is not aware of any customer that is considering such a change at the present time.

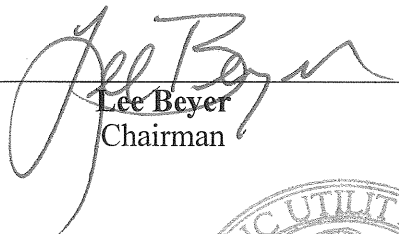
Discussion. Commission staff notified both cellular carriers, T-Mobile and Rural Cellular Corporation, of Pine Telephone's petition. Neither carrier indicated that it objected. Staff also voiced no objection to Pine Telephone's petition.

The Commission is satisfied that Pine Telephone has been working diligently to provide number portability in the Halfway exchange. The petition should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Pine Telephone's petition to extend the temporary suspension of wireline to wireless number portability obligations in its Halfway exchange from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, is granted.

Made, entered, and effective FEB 15 2005.



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.