

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
	)	ORDER
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	)	
OF OREGON	)	
	)	
Staff's reallocation of local exchange	)	
telecommunications service territory for	)	
Pine Telephone System, Inc.	)	

**DISPOSITION: APPLICATION APPROVED**

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory as a geographic area within boundaries set forth in exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions.

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, codified as ORS 759.500(1) subsection (1) directs the Commission to:

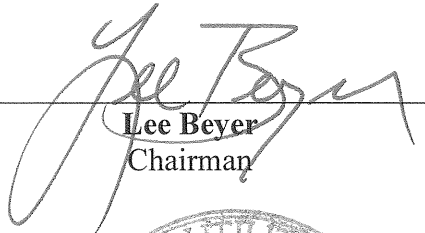
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the commission prior to January 1, 2006.


Staff recommends the reallocation of Pine's local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission, as set forth in Table 1 of Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for Pine Telephone System, Inc.


**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the application filed by Pine Telephone System, Inc. for the reallocation of its local exchange telecommunications service territory is approved. The new allocations are based on exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, contained in Appendix A.

Made, entered, and effective NOV 29 2007.

  
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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

  
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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

  
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**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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 8, 2007

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NA \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: October 29, 2007

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch *MG*

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Dave Booth and Kay Marinos *KB KM*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Reallocation of Local Exchange Telecommunications Service Territory for Pine Telephone System, Inc.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Reallocate Pine Telephone System, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1. This reallocation replaces all previous territory allocations for Pine Telephone System, Inc. (Pine).

**DISCUSSION:**

The 2005 Legislature changed Oregon's territory allocation law for telecommunications utilities and telecommunications cooperatives. The new law allocates local exchange telecommunications service territory (service territory) as a geographic area within boundaries set forth in exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission. This replaces the old "metes and bounds" descriptions. See ORS 759.500(1).

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, subsection (1) directs the Commission to: "Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the Commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall replace all allocations to telecommunications utilities, cooperative corporations or municipalities granted by the commission prior to January 1, 2006."

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The Commission previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to Pine in a series of orders. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all Pine territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect. Staff then determined which of Pine's approved local exchange maps are encompassed in whole or in part by the metes and bounds descriptions in these previous territory allocation orders.

Pine has Commission-approved maps on file for the company's two local exchanges, Granite and Halfway. Staff concluded that both of Pine's local exchange maps are wholly or partially within the metes and bounds descriptions in the company's previous territory allocation orders.

On August 28, 2007, Staff sent Pine a letter describing staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Pine to make corrections, if any, by September 18, 2007. Pine corrected some specific information, but confirmed staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between previous territory allocation orders and approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocations for Pine in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocations are identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Granite	Part 1: November 28, 2001 Part 2: April 6, 2004	Order No. 00-420 Order No. 04-204
Halfway	September 1, 1992	Order No. 92-1563

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Reallocate Pine Telephone System, Inc.'s local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for Pine Telephone System, Inc.

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