

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION)	
OF OREGON)	
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Staff's reallocation of local exchange)	
telecommunications service territory for)	
Colton Telephone Company.)	

DISPOSITION: REALLOCATION 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. ORS 759.500(1).

Section 27, chapter 232, Oregon Laws 2005, 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 Colton Telephone Company’s (Colton) 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 Colton.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Colton Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory is reallocated using the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1 contained in Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for Colton Telephone Company.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 18 2007.



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

ITEM NO. CA9

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 4, 2007**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A

DATE: November 27, 2007

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: ^u Lee Sparling, ^{KB} Dave Booth and ^{KM} Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Reallocation of Local Exchange Telecommunications Service Territory for Colton Telephone Company.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

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 Colton in an order issued in 1986. Staff reviewed the Commission's records to identify all Colton territory allocation orders issued prior to January 1, 2006, and currently in effect. Staff then determined that Colton's approved local exchange map is encompassed in whole or in part by the metes and bounds description in this previous territory allocation order.

Colton has a Commission-approved map on file for the company's local exchange, Colton. Staff concluded that Colton's map is wholly or partially within the metes and bounds description in the company's previous territory allocation order.

On August 30, 2007, Staff sent Colton a letter describing staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Colton to make corrections, if any, by September 20, 2007. Colton confirmed staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocation order and the approved local exchange map.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Colton in detail. Reallocations are identified by exchange name and the effective date of the corresponding Commission-approved exchange map. Previous allocation is identified by Commission order number.

TABLE 1

Exchange Name	Reallocation Approved Exchange Map (Effective Date)	Previous Allocation (Commission Order)
Colton	September 1, 1987	Order No. 86-545

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Colton Telephone Company's local exchange telecommunications service territory be reallocated using the boundaries of the exchange map filed with and approved by the Commission as set forth in Table 1, replacing all previous territory allocations for Colton Telephone Company.