

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | ORDER |
| THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION |) | |
| OF OREGON |) | |
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| Staff's reallocation of local exchange |) | |
| telecommunications service territory for |) | |
| Oregon Telephone Corporation. |) | |

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:

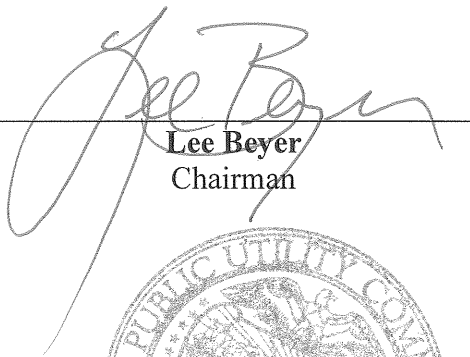
Reallocate every allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory to a telecommunications utility, cooperative corporation or municipality to whom the commission had previously allocated local exchange telecommunications service territory. Allocations granted by the commission pursuant to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

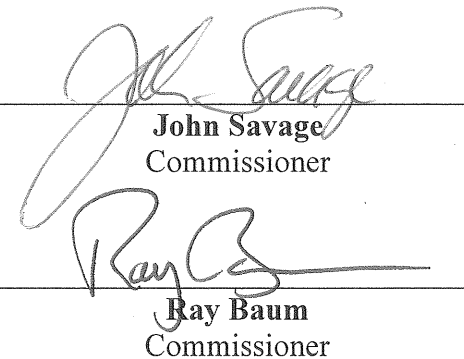
Staff recommends the reallocation of Oregon Telephone Corporation’s (Oregon Telephone) local exchange telecommunications service territory using the boundaries of the exchange map filed with and approved by the Commission, as set forth in Table 1 of Appendix A, replacing all previous territory allocations for Oregon Telephone.


ORDER

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

Made, entered, and effective MAR 20 2008.


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.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 11, 2008**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: February 25, 2008

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Marlene Gorsuch

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Dave Booth and Kay Marinos ^{li} ^{MEG} ^{DB} ^{KM}

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UA 128)
Reallocation of local exchange telecommunications service territory for Oregon Telephone Corporation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

Oregon Tel has Commission-approved maps on file for all five of the company's local exchanges. Staff concluded that all five of Oregon Tel's local exchange maps are wholly or partially within the metes and bounds descriptions in Oregon Tel's previous territory allocation orders.

On February 6, 2008, Staff sent Oregon Tel a letter describing Staff's conclusions in detail, and asking Oregon Tel to make corrections, if any, by February 27, 2008. Oregon Tel confirmed Staff's basic conclusion regarding the relationship between the previous territory allocation orders and the approved local exchange maps.

Table 1 describes reallocation for Oregon Tel 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) |
|----------------|---|---|
| Bates | April 30, 1987 | Order No. 88-600 |
| Dayville | April 30, 1987 | Order No. 88-600 |
| Hereford-Unity | April 26, 2004 | Order No. 03-134 |
| Mount Vernon | May 10, 1998 | Order No. 88-600 |
| Prairie City | April 30, 1987 | Order No. 88-600 |

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Oregon Telephone Corporation's local exchange telecommunications service territory be reallocated 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 Oregon Telephone Corporation.